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**SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION – NOTIFICATION OF LICENSED OPERATOR  
RETAKE INITIAL EXAMINATION 05000413/2009301, 05000414/2009301**

Dear Mr. Morris:

In a telephone conversation on January 15, 2009, between Mr. Gary Hamilton, Operations Training, and Mr. John Suptela, Operations Training, and Mr. Richard S. Baldwin, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of retake licensing examinations at Catawba Nuclear Station. The written examination is scheduled to be administered the week of May 18, 2009.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the written examination based on the guidelines in Revision 9, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examination is administered.

To meet the above schedule, Mr. Baldwin provided a written examination outline to your staff on January 16, 2009. The written examination and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 will be due by April 13, 2009. Pursuant to Title 10, Section 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations (10CFR55.40(b)(3)), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the examinations before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready-to-use. Your staff has also agreed to make copies of all examination materials that are necessary for administering the examination.

We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. Any delay in receiving the required examination and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations and operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402, and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-302, your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures,

temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examinations and operating tests are being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (if any)(OMB approval number 3150-0090) at least 30 days before the first examination date. If the applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. Signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Hamilton has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Mr. Richard S. Baldwin at (404) 562-4642, (Internet E-mail: [Richard.Baldwin@nrc.gov](mailto:Richard.Baldwin@nrc.gov)), or me at (404) 562-4550, (Internet E-mail: [Malcolm.Widmann@nrc.gov](mailto:Malcolm.Widmann@nrc.gov)).

Sincerely,

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