

May 19, 2009

Mr. Christopher J. Schwarz
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27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway
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SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at Palisades Nuclear Plant.

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Mr. Hugh Nixon, Training Manager. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject examinations and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examinations in accordance with Revision 9, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," one day during the week of June 8, 2009. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of June 1, 2009. This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for licensed operator training at your facility. Based on this review I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines, and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at 630-829-9707.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. Nicholas Valos, at 630-829-9761, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

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