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May 26, 2009

Mr. William Thompson  
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SUBJECT: WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT – OPERATOR LICENSING WRITTEN  
EXAMINATION APPROVAL - 05000390/2009301

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing written examination at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant.

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The NRC has approved the subject written examination and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examination in accordance with Revision 9, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors" on May 27, 2009.

This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for 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 operators 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 (404) 562-4550.

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Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. Ron Aiello, at (404) 562-4641 if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant on the list of approved applicants.

Sincerely,

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Malcolm T. Widmann, Chief  
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