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February 11, 2011

Robert G. Smith Site Vice President Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station 600 Rocky Hill Road Plymouth, MA 02360-5508

SUBJECT:

OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

(PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION)

Dear Mr. Smith:

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

The NRC has completed its review of the operator license applications submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Mr. Steven Reininghaus, 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 NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examinations Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Supplement 1, on February 28, 2011. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of February 21, 2011. 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 610-337-5046.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, T. Fish, at 610-337-5369, if you have any questions, or identify any errors, 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.

Sincerely,

Samuel L. Hansell, Jr., Chief

Operations Branch

Division of Reactor Safety

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Sincerely,

Samuel L. Hansell, Jr., Chief Operations Branch Division of Reactor Safety

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