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SUBJECT: Waterford Unit 3 - NOTIFICATION OF NRC INITIAL RETAKE OPERATOR
LICENSING EXAMINATION 05000382/2011302

Dear Mr. Kowalewski:

In a telephone conversation on May 10, 2011, between Messrs. John Signorelli and Kelly Clayton, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of a retake initial licensing examination at Waterford 3 during the week of August 8, 2011.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the operating test (walk-through portion only) based on the guidelines in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Supplement 1, and NUREG-1122, "Knowledge and Abilities Catalog for Nuclear Power Plant Operators," Revision 2, Supplement 1. The NRC's regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examination is administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the operating test outlines by June 17, 2011. The walk-through portion of the operating test and supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 will be due by July 6, 2011. Pursuant to Title 10, Section 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 55.40(b)(3)), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outline and test before it is submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready-to-use. 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 examinations and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled. In addition, your support for on-site validation of the examination is required on August 10 and August 11, 2011.

In order to conduct the requested operating test, 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.

Appendix E to NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the operating test is being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit the preliminary operator license application (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certification (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 application is not received at least 30 days before the operating test date, a postponement may be necessary. The signed application certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the first operating test date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Signorelli 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. Clayton at 817-860-8216, or myself at 817-860-8159.

Sincerely,

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