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August 12, 2011

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**SUBJECT: EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT WAIVER REQUEST FOR LICENSED
OPERATOR APPLICANTS**

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. D. McNeil at 630-829-9737 or me at 630-829-9707.

Sincerely,

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Hironori Peterson, Chief
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