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**SUBJECT: FORT CALHOUN STATION - NOTIFICATION OF NRC RETAKE OPERATOR
LICENSING EXAMINATION 05000285/2012302**

Dear Mr. Bannister:

In a telephone conversation on June 6, 2012, between Messrs. Tom Giebelhausen, Manager Operations Training and Simulator, and Chris Steely, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at Fort Calhoun Station on September 21, 2012.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examination 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 examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outline by July 13, 2012. The written examination and reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 will be due by August 13, 2012. 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, examination, and tests before they are 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 examination and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402.

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

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

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Giebelhausen 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. Steely at 817-200-1432, or myself at 817-200-1159.

Sincerely,

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