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**SUBJECT: SCHEDULING OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS:  
DONALD C. COOK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2**

Dear Mr. Weber:

We have received your letter AEP-NRC-2015-44, dated June 12, 2015, in response to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Regulatory Issue Summary 2015-05, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." In your letter, you requested initial operator licensing examinations be scheduled July 2016, July 2018, July 2020, and July 2022.

We have previously scheduled you for initial license examinations for the weeks of:

- July 11, and 18, 2016, with an onsite validation scheduled for June 6, 2016.
- July 23, and 30, 2018, with an onsite validation date of June 25, 2018.

Since our last letter dated January 27, 2014, the onsite validation date for the July 2016 exam was moved to the left on the schedule one week due to a change in resources. We have scheduled you for the following initial operator licensing examination for the weeks of:

- July 20, and 27, 2020, with an onsite validation scheduled for June 22, 2020.

We are not scheduling exams past the year 2020 at this time.

In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately, upon discovery, of such conditions, and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

We understand that your staff will develop the examinations unless we determine it is necessary for the NRC to develop an examination in which case, we will notify you immediately upon discovery of that need. Because your letter indicated that there were more than nine applicants being considered for each of these examinations, the examinations were each scheduled for two weeks.

Please inform us if the number of candidates decline below 10 for any examination, as this will impact the examination schedule.

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Also, please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled dates for the examinations.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 150 days prior to the examination informing the training manager of the chief examiner's name. This corporate notification letter will also outline examination security expectations, list the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirm the examination date, and reconfirm the number of candidates you have in the Training Program.

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Sincerely,

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Operations Branch  
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