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February 19, 2016

Mr. Joseph W. Shea  
Vice President, Nuclear Licensing  
Tennessee Valley Authority  
1101 Market Street, LP 3D-C  
Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801

**SUBJECT: WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 – NOTIFICATION OF  
LICENSED OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATION 05000390/2016301,  
05000391/2016301**

Dear Mr. Shea:

During a meeting on January 14, 2016, between Mr. Walter Smith, Operations Training Manager and Mr. David Lanyi, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. The on-site preparatory week is scheduled for the week of June 13, 2016. The operating test is scheduled to be administered during the week of July 18, 2016. The written examination is scheduled to be administered the week of July 25, 2016.

As agreed during the meeting, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will prepare both the operating test and written examination based on the guidelines in Revision 10 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Your staff has already furnished the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201. Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the written examination during the week of March 10, 2016 and will be given the opportunity to discuss any changes that might be necessary to the operating test during the preparatory week. Your staff has also agreed to make copies of all examination materials that are necessary for administering the examination.

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 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 and operating tests, 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. In accordance with ES-302, your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

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

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor 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. Smith 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. Lanyi at (404) 997-4487, ([david.lanyi@nrc.gov](mailto:david.lanyi@nrc.gov)), or me at (404) 997-4551, (Internet E-mail: [gerald.mccoy@nrc.gov](mailto:gerald.mccoy@nrc.gov)).

Sincerely,

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