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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REACTOR OPERATOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS
EXAMINATION REPORT NO. 50-413/94-301

The purpose of this letter is to confirm arrangements made in a telephone conversation on April 19, 1994, between Mr. Steve Frye, Director of Operator Training and Mr. Ronald F. Aiello, License Examiner, NRC Region II Operator Licensing Section, for the administration of licensing examinations at the Catawba Nuclear Station. The examination preparation visit is scheduled for the week of October 24, 1994. The written examinations are scheduled for November 14, 1994 and the operating examinations are scheduled for November 15-17, 1994. Your staff will be given an opportunity to review the licensing examinations in accordance with the guidelines in Revision 7 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examiner Standards," (ES-201, Attachment 4) during the week of October 17, 1994.

To prepare the examinations and meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference materials listed in Attachment 2 of ES-201 by July 22, 1994. Any delay in receiving approved and indexed reference material or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete reference material may result in the examinations being rescheduled.

The NRC will prepare and administer the written examinations in accordance with ES-401 and ES-402 of NUREG-1021. In order to conduct the requested examinations, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations on the date noted above. The NRC's guidelines for administering the written examinations are described in ES-402, Attachment 1.

The NRC will prepare and administer the operating tests in accordance with ES-301 and ES-302 of NUREG-1021. In order to conduct the requested operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. 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.

ES-402, Attachment 2, and ES-302, Attachment 1, contain a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examination and operating tests are being administered.

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Your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications and waiver requests at least 30 days before the first examination date so that the NRC will be able to review the applications and the medical certifications and evaluate any requested waivers. If the applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. Final, signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

This request is covered by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Clearance Number 3150-0101, which expires October 31, 1995. The estimated average burden is 7.7 hours per response, including gathering, xeroxing, and mailing the required material. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Information and Records Management Branch, MNBB-7714, Division of Information Support Services, Office of Information Resources Management, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555; and to the Paperwork Reduction Project (3150-0101), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-3019, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D. C. 20503.

From the requested reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201, we would appreciate retaining your EOPs and AOPs for reference use in our Incident Response Center. If you have any concerns about this proposed use, please contact me at (404) 331-5541.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Frye 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. Lawrence L. Lawyer, Chief, Operator Licensing Section, at (404) 331-4700, or myself at (404) 331-5541.

Sincerely,

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