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MEMORANDUM FOR: Thomas E. Murley, Regional Administrator  
Region I

FROM: William J. Dircks  
Executive Director for Operations

Harold R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT TO REGION I OF CERTAIN  
OPERATOR LICENSING FUNCTIONS

Pursuant to NRC Manual Chapter 0128, "Organization and Functions - Regional Offices," the Regional Administrator of Region I is hereby assigned and authorized to perform certain licensing functions described herein relating to operator licensing.

Pursuant to the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation is responsible for the principal licensing and regulation involving facilities and materials associated with the construction and operation of nuclear reactors licensed under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Pursuant to NRC Manual Chapter 0123, "Organization and Functions - Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation," the functions of NRR extend to licensing of all production and utilization facilities, other than fuel reprocessing plants and isotopic enrichment plants, including the licensing of operators of such facilities pursuant to 10 CFR Part 55. NRR will retain responsibility for over-all licensing and regulatory policy pertaining to licensing of operators pursuant to 10 CFR Part 55. To enable NRR to execute this responsibility properly, NRR will maintain oversight of licensing functions that are delegated to the Regional Administrators pursuant to this assignment. This oversight shall include NRR staff review of documentation related to the assigned licensing functions and periodic assessments of licensing activities being conducted by the Region. The Director of NRR also retains the authority to take actions determined necessary in all matters hereby assigned to the Regional Administrator. The Director of NRR will promptly notify the Regional Administrator on any such action taken and, when time is available, will consult with the Regional Administrator or his representative prior to taking such actions.

Pursuant to this delegation and assignment, the Regional Administrator of Region I is responsible for implementing established NRC licensing and regulatory policy regarding operator licensing for nuclear reactors within Region I. The specific matters hereby assigned to the Regional Administrator of Region I and the procedures to be followed in the implementation of these assigned matters are set forth in the "Procedures for Regional Implementation

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of Operator Licensing Functions" (Procedures) dated November 22, 1982, issued by the Director of NRR. Activities include processing applications, preparing, administering and grading examinations, and issuing and denying licenses and certifications for operators, senior operators and instructors. Future changes to matters assigned to the Regional Administrator of Region I and to regional implementation of the operator licensing program shall be made in writing by the Director of NRR through revisions to the above-referenced procedures. If, in the course of performing assigned licensing functions, matters arise which could reasonably be expected to have policy implications, the Region shall consult with the Operator Licensing Branch (OLB), NRR. If a licensing and regulation matter arises which has not been specifically delegated and assigned pursuant to this memorandum, it remains the responsibility of NRR until a specific task assignment is made to the Region.

Should NRR and the Region disagree on whether an issue is the responsibility of NRR or the Region, the matter will be resolved between the Director, Division of Human Factors Safety (DHFS), NRR, and the appropriate Regional Division Director. If resolution is not successful at that level, the matter will be referred to the Director of NRR for decision in consultation with the Regional Administrator.

To ensure that staff members with major responsibilities on regionalization are fully and currently apprised of matters assigned to the Regions and are aware of specific responsibilities within the Agency, NRR will provide copies of this delegation and assignment and all documents which implement this delegation and assignment to the DEDROGR and the Director and Chief Counsel, Regional Operations Enforcement Division, OELD. All revisions to the referenced documents will also be provided. All such documents will be marked with Delegation and Assignment Number [0128-83-3].

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