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SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS -
HOPE CREEK

Dear Mr. Eliason:

In a telephone conversation on September 6, 1995, between Mr. C. Sisco and Mr. Clyde Bauer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Hope Creek facility.

The written examinations and operating tests are scheduled for the week of December 18, 1995. Your staff will be given an opportunity to review the licensing examinations in accordance with the guidelines in Revision 7, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examiner Standards," ES-201, Attachment 4, during the week of December 4, 1995.

To prepare the examinations and meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 by October 6, 1995. Any delay in receiving approved and indexed reference material or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete reference material may result in the examination 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 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.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Mr. Bauer has been advised of the NRC guidelines and policies addressed in this letter. If you have any questions on the evaluation process, please contact me at (610) 337-5211 or E-mail address GWM@NRC.GOV.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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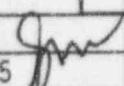
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