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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

REVISION OF 10 CFR PART 55, "OPERATOR REQUALIFICATION

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS" (TAC NO. M83023)

The Operator Licensing Branch (LOLB) has reviewed the issue paper on time proposed revisions to the operator requalification examination requirements that was enclosed in C. J. Heltemes, Jr.'s memorandum to Frank J. Miraglia, Jr. and Martin G. Malsch, dated July 23, 1992. LOLB concurs with the content and rationale of the issue paper for preparing to revise 10 CFR Part 55.

Additionally, LOLB recommends that the following two items be included in the proposed rule:

- change Section 55.2, "Scope," to include facility licensees, and
- 2. add a scnedular requirement so that facility licensees will be required to submit to the NRC their annual requalification operating tests and biennial written requalification examinations at least 30 days prior to the conduct of these tests and examinations.

The first item will eliminate currently existing ambiguities between the regulations of Parts 50 and 55. The second item establishes a timeframe for the proposed information collection requirements.

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