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Gentlemen:

This is in answer to your letter of November 21, 1984. As was discussed between yourself and Mr. Davis of my office, we delayed answering your letter until after the meeting between the Point Beach Shift Superintendents and NRC representatives from Headquarters and the Region III Office.

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Boger and Mr. McMillen met with the Shift Superintendents on January 16, 1985. It is my understanding that the meeting resulted in an open and frank discussion on both sides of the table, with the operations personnel voicing their concerns and frustrations about the NRC Requalification Audit Program and the NRC personnel identifying ongoing efforts to improve the Operator Licensing and Examination Program.

One of the key issues, expressed by the NRC was the necessity for the experienced operations personnel to identify to the training department training areas required to enhance the performance of their crews. On our part, I want to assure you that the NRC is making every effort to improve the examinations by making them more operationally oriented and where they exist, base the exam on the knowledge, skills, and abilities identified in the learning objectives of the utility requalification program. In this regard the NRC has compiled a catalog which identifies necessary RO and SRO knowledge. Experienced SRO's have reviewed this catalog for completeness and have rated each knowledge for importance. This catalog will be published in the spring and can be made Point Beach specific in the future, based on input from your training staff.

A second issue discussed during the meeting was the necessity for the licensed personnel to make comments on the revised Regulations and the Regulatory Guides concerning operator licenses. Copies of these revised materials were mailed directly to each licensed person in the country and Point Beach personnel were urged to supply their comments to the NRC directly or through the training department.

Since the NRC has already solicited and received input into the catalog discussed above and provided you and your operators the opportunity to comment on revised regulations and Regulatory Guides, we do not believe it necessary

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to establish a working group to further review examination content at this time. After the catalog is published and your personnel have had an opportunity to review the contents, we will be pleased to meet with them if they have any further questions or specific areas of concern.

In conclusion, I want to thank you for hosting the meeting and permitting your personnel the time from other duties so that the exchange of information could take place. While we still have a long way to go to resolve the problems which are causing some of the operators frustration, we believe the meeting was useful in helping the operators and NRC to better understand each others problems.

Sincerely,

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