

September 24, 1998

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SUBJECT: THREE MILE ISLAND UNIT 1 SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL
EXAMINATION REPORT NO. 50-289/98-301

Dear Mr. Langenbach:

This report transmits the findings of the senior reactor operator (SRO) licensing operating examinations, conducted by NRC examiners, during the week of August 24 - 27, 1998 at the Three Mile Island Unit 1 Nuclear Station. Based on the results of the examinations, all four SRO applicants passed all portions of the examination. At the conclusion of the operating examination, Mr. P. Rissett discussed the preliminary findings with members of your staff.

The examinations addressed areas important to public health and safety and were developed and administered under interim Revision 8 of the Examiner Standards (NUREG-1021). All portions of the examinations were developed by Three Mile Island (TMI) personnel, while the NRC provided oversight and final approval prior to the administration of the examinations. The operating portion of the examinations were administered by the NRC, whereas TMI training personnel subsequently administered the NRC-approved, written portion of the examinations.

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No reply to this letter is required, but should you have any questions regarding these examinations, please contact me at 610-337-5183 or by E-mail at RJC@NRC.GOV..

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-289

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