

ENCLOSURE 1

MID-ATLANTIC
NUCLEAR TRAINING
GROUP

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Mr. Richard Conte
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Region 1
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406-1415

Subject: Initial License Operator Examination Requirements

Dear Mr. Conte,

The Mid-Atlantic Nuclear Training Manager's Group (MANTG) welcomes the opportunity to work with NRC Region 1 in effectively implementing the new Initial License Operator Examination Requirements (10 CFR 55.40) that becomes effective on October 20, 1999. Joint efforts to develop a common understanding of the "Operator Licensing Examiner Standards (NUREG 1021 - final Rev. 8) are also important.

In support of consistent implementation of the NUREG guidance on exam development, workshops on exam question development has been arranged during the week of July 26, 1999. Salem/Hope Creek Nuclear Station representatives are arranging the workshop activities, and other members of MANTG are planning to participate. Based on the interactive process planned for this workshop, participation is being limited to about 25 people per session.

In support of this workshop, MANTG requests that your staff review the exam development workshop training materials and acknowledge that the materials are consistent with the intent of the NRC Examiner Standards (NUREG 1021- final Rev. 8) for initial license operator exams.

You and members of your staff (as well as other applicable members of NRC headquarters) are also invited to participate in the workshops during the week of July 26th. Up to five slots per session are being reserved for NRC participants.

Please continue to work with Salem/Hope Creek representatives to provide feedback on the workshop training materials and to make arrangements to participate in the workshop.

As we have discussed, MANTG is also interested in helping sponsor a Region 1 conference on the implementation of the new Initial License Operator Exam Requirements and NUREG 1021. We will continue to work with you on the arrangements for this conference.

Please contact me (914-788-2901) as MANTG Chairman or Roy Hickok as MANTG Vice-Chairman (603-773-7617) regarding questions.

Sincerely,

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Dale Spoerry
MANTG Chairman

cc: Mr. Roy Hickok, MANTG Vice-Chairman
Mr. Randy Hess, MANTG Secretary
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