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**SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS
NORTH ANNA POWER STATION - 50-338/2000-301 AND 50-339 /2000-301**

Dear Mr. O'Hanlon:

In a telephone conversation on April 3, 2000, between Mr. Steve Crawford, North Anna Training Supervisor and Mr. Ronald F. Aiello, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at North Anna, Units 1 and 2 during the week(s) of September 18, and 25, 2000.

The NRC will prepare the operating examinations and the written examination outlines based on the guidelines in Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Your staff will prepare the written examinations. Your staff will also be given the opportunity to review the operating examinations during the week of August 14, 2000. The NRC license examiners will conduct an examination preparation on site during the week of August 28, 2000 to familiarize themselves with the plant. The North Anna and Surry written examinations will be similar and developed simultaneously utilizing combined resources. Therefore, it is vitally important that good communication and coordination between the two sites and the NRC be maintained.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the applicable reference materials (facility approved written examination with applicable references and distractor analysis attached) by July 31, 2000. It will be necessary for your staff to provide the applicable reference material to support the development of the operating exam as identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 by June 1, 2000 or earlier. Any delay in receiving the required reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations and operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402, and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-302, 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.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examinations and operating tests are being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (if any)(OMB approval number 3150-0090) at least 30 days before the first examination date. If the applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. 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 cooperation in this matter. Mr. Crawford has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Mr. Ronald F. Aiello at (404) 562-4641, (Internet E-mail: rfa@NRC.GOV), or myself at (404) 562-4638, (Internet E-mail: HOC@NRC.GOV).

Sincerely,

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