

November 2, 2000

Mr. Harold W. Keiser
President and Chief Nuclear Officer
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SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION - HOPE CREEK

Dear Mr. Keiser:

In a telephone conversation on October 30, 2000, Mr. L. Briggs, Examiner/Inspector, and Mr. N. Conicella, OPS Superintendent, made arrangements for the NRC to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Hope Creek facility. The inspection is planned for the week of December 11, 2000, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish the examination schedule, sample plan, written examinations, and operating tests scheduled for the week of the inspection to the NRC by December 4, 2000. Mr. Conicella has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact L. Briggs at (610) 337-5366.

Mr. Harold W. Keiser

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Sincerely,

/RA/

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