

February 20, 2002

Mr. J. Forbes  
Site Vice-President  
Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant  
Nuclear Management Company, LLC  
2807 West County Road 75  
Monticello, MN 55362-9637

Dear Mr. Forbes:

In response to your facility management letter dated September 20, 2001, and as augmented by discussions with Michael Mitchell of your staff on January 14, 2002, we have tentatively scheduled an initial licensing examination for your operator license applicants at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant during the weeks of September 15 and September 22, 2003. Validation of the examination will occur at the station during the week of August 4, 2003. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

As stated in your letter, your staff will develop the examination. To support the examination administration date, we have tentatively scheduled the date of July 21, 2003, to begin our review of your submitted examination.

Your letter indicated you are training approximately 12 candidates for the examination. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below 10 as this will impact the examination schedule. Please also inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you are unable to support the examination on the scheduled dates.

**Once your staff has determined a schedule for examination development, please have them contact the Chief Examiner to arrange for a suitable examination outline submittal date for NRC review. The intent is for the examination outline to be submitted early in the examination development process. This is to preclude the need to make significant changes to developed examination material as a result of the NRC review of the outline.** Hironori Peterson has been tentatively assigned as the Chief Examiner and can be reached at 630-829-9707.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the examination outlining examination security expectations, listing the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirming the examination dates, and reconfirming the number of candidates you have in the training program. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Dell R. McNeil of my staff at 630-829-9737.

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Sincerely,

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Division of Reactor Safety

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