

June 27, 2002

Mr. Harold W. Keiser
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SUBJECT: REACTOR OPERATOR (RO) INITIAL OPERATING EXAMINATIONS (RETAKE)
- HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION

Dear Mr. Keiser:

In telephone conversations on June 12, 2002, between Mr. P. Bissett, Chief Examiner/Inspector, and Mr. D. Rein, Hope Creek Training, arrangements were made for the administration of a retake licensing examination at the Hope Creek Generating Station, on July 19, 2002.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the retake examination based on the guidelines in Revision 8, Supplement 1 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The NRC regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outline by June 24, 2002. The operating test (Category A "Administrative Topics"), and the supporting reference materials will be due by July 5, 2002. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines and Category A tests before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials should be complete and ready-to-use. Any delay in receiving the required examination and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examination to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested retake examination, 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 date noted above.

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

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit the signed reactor operator license application (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 14 days before the examination date. If the

application is not received at least 14 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Rein 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 Paul Bissett at (610) 337-5266, or me at (610) 337-5183.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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