

July 16, 2003

Mr. A. C. Bakken III
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American Electric Power Company
500 Circle Drive
Buchanan, MI 49107

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL/REQUALIFICATION OPERATOR LICENSE
EXAMINATIONS: DC COOK STATION

Dear Mr. Bakken,

In a telephone conversation on June 19, 2003, between Mr. D. McNeil of my staff and Mr. T. Werk, ILT Lead Instructor, an initial operator license examination was tentatively scheduled to occur during the weeks of March 15, 2004 and March 22, 2004. On-site validation of the examination will occur at the station approximately 3 weeks before the examination administration. 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.

We confirmed with Mr. Werk that your staff will develop the examination. Mr. Werk indicated that you are training approximately 20 candidates for the examination. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below 10 as this will impact the examination schedule. Mr. Werk confirmed that the week of March 1, 2004, scheduled for the biennial requalification program inspection (IP 71111.11B), was still within the anticipated requalification examination administration cycle. Please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled dates for either of the examinations.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the initial examination informing them of the chief examiner's name. The letter will also outline examination security expectations, list the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirm the examination dates, and reconfirm the number of candidates you have in the training program. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mr. C. Phillips of my staff at 630-829-9739.

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