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March 8, 2012

Mr. Thomas P. Joyce  
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**SUBJECT: INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING WRITTEN EXAMINATION APPROVAL –  
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION**

Dear Mr. Joyce:

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The NRC has approved the subject written examinations in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Supplement 1. Your staff will administer the written examinations on March 14, 2012. This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for licensed operator training at your facility. Based on this review, I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines, and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this written examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at (610) 337-5306.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. T. Fish, at (610) 337-5369, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level Reactor Operator (RO) or Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination) specified for each applicant.

Sincerely,

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