



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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February 8, 2017

Mr. John Dent, Jr.  
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SUBJECT: INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING WRITTEN EXAMINATION APPROVAL –  
PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION

Dear Mr. Dent:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing written examinations at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. Please note that operating test approval will be communicated under separate correspondence.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Mr. Charles McDonald, Training Manager. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject written examinations in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 10. Your staff will administer the written examinations on February 17, 2017. 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. Joseph M. D'Antonio, at (610) 337-5085, 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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Donald E. Jackson, Chief  
Operations Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

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