

January 9, 1997

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE LETTER REGARDING OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION
REPORT NO. 50-346/OL-96-02

Dear Mr. Wood:

The NRC received your letter dated December 23, 1996, in response to Operator Licensing Examination Report No. 50-346/OL-96-02 in which we requested you to respond within 60 days regarding your investigation into the second failure of the four Senior Reactor Operator license applicants on the Operating Examination Administrative section. Your response was to include an assessment of plant operations to determine if any similar demonstrated weaknesses exist in plant operations.

We understand that your investigation and assessment of plant operations are due to be completed by January 17, 1997, and that you will need an extension of time to provide the response requested in Report No. 50-346/OL-96-02.

We will allow the extension and request that you submit the results of your investigation and assessment of plant operations including the corrective action plans by the end of February 1997.

Sincerely

/s/ M. Leach (for)

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

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