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Chief Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: INITIAL EXAMINATION (NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-482/97-301)

Dear Mr. Maynard:

In a telephone conversation on May 8, 1997, between Mr. Randy Guyer, Superintendent, Operations Training, and Mr. Howard Bundy, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Wolf Creek Generating Station during the week of August 25, 1997.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8, 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 outlines by June 27, 1997. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of Examiner Standard-201 will be due by July 25, 1997. Any delay in receiving the required examination and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations and operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with Examiner Standard-402, and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with Examiner Standard-302, your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels, generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

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

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To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (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 30 days before the first examination date. If the applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. Signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

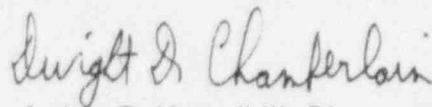
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Guyer has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Howard Bundy at (817) 860-8172 or Mr. Pellet at (817) 860-8159.

Sincerely,


for Arthur T. Howell III, Director
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