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SUBJECT: REACTOR OPERATOR RETAKE-INITIAL EXAMINATIONS ROBINSON
NUCLEAR PLANT - 50-261/2000-301

Dear Mr. Young:

In a telephone conversation on February 10, 2000, between Mr. Don. McCaskill and Mr. Richard Baldwin, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at Robinson Nuclear Plant during the week of May 1, 2000.

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 February 22, 2000. The retake written examination and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by April 2, 2000. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, examinations, and tests before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready-to-use. 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 retake-written examination, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402.

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

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator license application (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 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 examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Don McCaskill 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 Richard S. Baldwin at 404-562-4642, (Internet E-mail: RSB2@NRC.GOV), or myself at (404) 562-4638, (Internet E-mail: GTH1@NRC.GOV).

Sincerely,

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