

March 13, 2000

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As stated in the enclosure to Mr. Westphal's letter dated September 20, 1999, your staff will develop the examination.

Please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you are unable to support the examination on the scheduled dates.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the examination outlining examination security expectations, listing the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirming the examination dates, and reconfirming the number of candidates you have in the training program. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mary Ann Bies of my staff at 630-829-9711.

Sincerely,

/RA/

David E. Hills, Chief
Operations Branch

Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306
License Nos. DPR-42; DPR-60

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