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**SUBJECT: MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION – NOTIFICATION OF LICENSED OPERATOR
RETAKE INITIAL EXAMINATION – 05000369/2009302 AND 05000370/2009302**

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

In a telephone conversation on August 13, 2009, between Mr. Fred Kirk, Supervisor Operations, and Mr. Ronald F. Aiello, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of a written retake licensing examination at the McGuire Nuclear Station. The written retake examination is scheduled to be administered the week of November 16, 2009.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the written examination based on the guidelines in Revision 9, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors."

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the written examination and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 of ES-201 by October 19, 2009. The written examination outline was previously provided to your staff on July 15, 2009. Pursuant to Title 10 Section 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 55.40(b)(3)), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the examination before it is submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready-to-use. Your staff has also agreed to make copies of all examination materials that are necessary for administering the examination.

We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. 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 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(s) is/are being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications, medical certifications, and waiver requests (if any) 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.

This letter contains information collections that are subject to the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995* (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). These information collections were approved by the Office of Management and Budget. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 400 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, writing the examinations, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments on any aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Information and Records Management Branch (T-6 F33), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet electronic mail at infocollectsresource@nrc.gov; and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0018), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Fred Kirk 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 Mr. Ronald F. Aiello at (404) 562-4641, (Internet E-mail: ronald.aiello@nrc.gov), or me at (404) 562-4550, (Internet E-mail: malcolm.widmann@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Malcolm T. Widmann, Chief
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