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Mr. Michael Rorex
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Dear Mr. Rorex:

On behalf of the Stone & Webster Construction management team members who visited the Local 150 Training Center on December 2, 2009, to learn of the new Operating Engineers Certification Program (OECF), I want to convey to you our impressions of the meeting we had with yourself, Martin Turek, and Dan Reda.

We were pleased to learn that Local 150 is at the forefront of recognizing that improving the process for certifying crane operators is of paramount importance to the public, owners, contractors, and all construction workers.

While we employ Operating Engineers on a variety of cranes and equipment, we are particularly concerned with the certification of Overhead Crane operators who are responsible for lifting reactor vessel heads, reactor internals, and turbine components during nuclear refueling outages. Our need to ensure the crane operator's ability, and the training and certification process behind it, cannot be overstated.

And while the Local 150 certification program has served us well over the years, we are pleased to see Local 150 adopt the new OECF as certified by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.

We welcome the OECF and the reassurance it will bring to the nuclear industry that IUOE operators are trained and tested to rigorous standards. We also appreciate your strategy to make transparent the process of certifying crane operators, which will have the added benefit of increasing public confidence in your program.

We look forward to working with the IUOE and Local 150 in particular as the OECF takes root and becomes the industry standard for certifying crane operators. Thank you again for meeting with us.

Sincerely,



Patrick O'Connor
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