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**PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT  
DOCKET 50-255  
LICENSE No. DPR-20  
VOLUNTARY RESPONSE TO NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2003-14:  
PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING OF OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS**

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Regulatory Issue Summary 2003-14, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," requests that licensees submit, on a voluntary basis, an NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data." This form provides: A) Proposed Examination Preparation Schedule; B) Initial Operator License Examinations; and, C) Proposed Generic Fundamentals Examination Schedule. The purpose of these estimates is to assist the NRC in budgeting and scheduling the use of its resources.

In response to this request, Nuclear Management Company, LLC estimates have been completed for Palisades Nuclear Plant on NRC Form 536 and are attached.

This letter contains no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.



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Attachment

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**NUCLEAR MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC  
PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT  
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**NRC FORM 536  
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA**

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**OPERATOR LICENSING  
EXAMINATION DATA**

FACILITY  
Palisades Nuclear Plant  
27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway  
Covert, MI 49043  
DOCKET 50-255 LICENSE DPR-20 PALISADES PLANT

NRC REGION III

**A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY2004	CY2005	CY2006	CY2007
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	1	0
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY2004	CY2005	CY2006	CY2007
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	5	6	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	0	5	6	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	0	1	0	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES	N/A			N/A
PRIMARY DATE	N/A	05/23/05 – 06/03/05	12/04/06 – 12/15/06	N/A
ALTERNATE DATE	N/A	06/07/05 – 06/18/05	N/A	N/A

**C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY2004				CY2005			
	March	June	September	December	March	June	September	December
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	9	0	0	0	0	12	0