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ATTENTION: Document Control Desk

Subject: Duke Energy Corporation
Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3
Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, 50-287
McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-369, 50-370
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-413, 50-414
Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2003-14
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

On August 27, 2003, the NRC issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2003-14, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." The subject RIS requested an update the NRC on projected site-specific operator licensing examination schedules and estimated numbers of applicants planning to take operator licensing examinations and the NRC's generic fundamentals examinations (GFEs).

NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data" is attached for Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba.

Please direct any questions to L. B. Jones at (704) 382-4753.

Very truly yours,

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NRC FORM 536 (5-2003)		U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION		APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131		EXPIRES: 07/31/2006		
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA				<small>Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimates to the Records Management Branch (1-8 E8), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to infocollections@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, N508-10202, (3160-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a measure used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.</small>				
FACILITY Oconee Nuclear Site				NRC REGION II				
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 04	CY 05	CY 06	CY 07				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	0	0	0				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	1	1				
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 04	CY 05	CY 06	CY 07				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	4	6	5	5				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	5	2	5	5				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	4	5	5				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0				
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE	6-14-03	6-20-05	6-19-06	6-18-07				
ALTERNATE DATE	6-21-03	6-13-05	6-12-06	6-11-07				
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 04				CY 05			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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FACILITY

NRC REGION

McGuire Nuclear Station

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2,004</u>	CY <u>2,005</u>	CY <u>2,006</u>	CY <u>2,007</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2,004</u>	CY <u>2,005</u>	CY <u>2,006</u>	CY <u>2,007</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		7	9	9
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT		4	4	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE		4	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		01/31/2005	07/24/2006	11/03/2007
ALTERNATE DATE		02/07/2005	07/31/2006	01/26/2008

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2004</u>				CY <u>2005</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0

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FACILITY Catawba Nuclear Station						NRC REGION 2		
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 04	CY 05	CY 06	CY 07				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0				
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 04	CY 05	CY 06	CY 07				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	5	5	5				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	1	1	2	2				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2	3	2	2				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0				
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE	10/04/2004	12/05/2005	12/04/2006	12/03/2007				
ALTERNATE DATE	10/11/2004	12/12/2005	12/11/2006	12/10/2007				
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 04				CY 05			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	7	0	0	0	8	0	0	0