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FOR THE POINT BEACH INITIAL EXAMINATION - SEPT 2003



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February 2, 2000

Mr. D. E. Hills, Chief
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U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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*Note: Per Annual Response
Letter dated 09-27-01
Charged to Sep/Oct 2003.
M. A. Jones*

Dear Mr. Hills:

POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT
REQUEST FOR NRC PREPARATION OF
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

In update to our response to NRC Administrative Letter 99-03, the following proposed initial operator licensing examinations and schedules for 2002 and 2003:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Number of Reactor Operator Applicants	6	4
Number of Senior Operator Applicants	3	3
Number of Senior Operator Upgrade Applicants	3	1

We propose that the 2002 examinations be administered in January, while the 2003 examinations would be administered in May.

We would appreciate the NRC preparing these examinations. We understand, however, that because of resource constraints you may not be able to accommodate this request. Please notify us if you are unable to prepare the examinations or if there is a conflict with the proposed examination dates.

Sincerely,

A. J. Cayia
Manager,
Regulatory Services & Licensing

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cc: D. Telle
D. Hills



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September 18, 2000

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Ladies/Gentlemen:

DOCKETS 50-266 AND 50-301
RESPONSE TO REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2000-14
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2000-14, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," was issued on September 6, 2000. The RIS asked that within 30 days licensees voluntarily submit scheduler information concerning generic fundamentals examinations through CY 2002 and initial operator license examinations through CY 2004.

Attached is a completed NRC Form 536 that provides the requested information for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2

Sincerely,

Dan Cole
Manager,
Site Assessment

Attachment

FAF/tat

cc: Chief, Operator Licensing Branch, NRC Region III

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NRC FORM 536 (8-2009)		U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION		APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131		EXPIRES: 07/31/2002	
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA				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 estimate to the Records Management Branch (T-6 E6), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to bjs1@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means 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.			
FACILITY <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Point Beach Nuclear Plant</div>						NRC REGION <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">III</div>	
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE							
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2001</u>	CY <u>2002</u>	CY <u>2003</u>	CY <u>2004</u>			
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1 RO/1 SRO	1 RO/1 SRO	1 RO/1 SRO			
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS							
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS							
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2001</u>	CY <u>2002</u>	CY <u>2003</u>	CY <u>2004</u>			
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	6	4	4			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	5	3	3			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	2	1	1			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED							
PROPOSED DATES							
PRIMARY DATE		January	May	November			
ALTERNATE DATE		February	June	December			
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE							
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2001</u>			CY <u>2002</u>			
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	7	0	0	

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September 27, 2001

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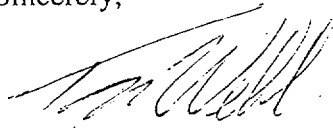
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POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

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Attached is a completed NRC Form 536 that provides the requested information for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Webb
Licensing Director

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cc: Chief, Operator Licensing Branch, NRC Region III

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FACILITY Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2				NRC REGION III			
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE							
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2	CY 3	CY 4	CY 5			
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	0	1			
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0			
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS							
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2	CY 3	CY 4	CY 5			
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	2	0	3			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	3	2	0	3			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	2	0	3			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0			
PROPOSED DATES			0				
PRIMARY DATE	1/2002	9/2003	N/A	6/2005			
ALTERNATE DATE	2/2002	10/2003	N/A	7/2005			
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE							
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 02			CY 03			
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	4	0	0	0	0	

November 30, 2001

Mr. M. Reddemann
Site Vice President
Kewaunee and Point Beach Nuclear Plants
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
6610 Nuclear Road
Two Rivers, WI 54241

SUBJECT: CALENDAR YEAR 2003 SCHEDULING OF NRC REGION III LICENSED
OPERATOR EXAMINATIONS

Dear Mr. Reddemann:

The purpose of this letter is to enlist your support in the scheduling of calendar year 2003 initial licensed operator examinations in NRC Region III. The enclosure of this letter lists requests received from Region III facility licensees for licensed operator examinations for that calendar year. A large number of those examination requests fall within the months of September through December 2003. In addition, Region III facility licensees have provided us with projected dates during which they would expect to conduct licensed operator requalification examinations during that year. This information indicates that the NRC operator licensing staff would need to conduct six of the eight calendar year 2003 Region III licensed operator requalification baseline inspections during those same months. Consequently, the projected workload for the Region III operator licensing examiners during the final quarter of calendar year 2003 will be difficult to accomplish.

We have contacted the other NRC regional and headquarters offices to ascertain the availability of qualified examiners from outside Region III. Based on current projections, we can accommodate the majority of the exams near the requested dates, but will have to schedule several exams approximately two months prior to or beyond the requested quarter. Before we finalize the calendar year 2003 exam dates, we want to provide you the opportunity to re-evaluate your training and examination schedule and determine whether you can realign your request to outside the fourth calendar quarter of 2003. Please contact us to revise or reaffirm your request by calling Mr. David Hills (630-829-9733) of my staff within fifteen days of the date of this letter. We will proceed with scheduling the calendar year 2003 examinations after December 15, 2001.

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Sincerely,

John A. Grobe, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-266; 50-301
License Nos. DPR-24; DPR-27

Enclosure: List of 2003 Examinations Requested

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February 20, 2002

Mr. M. Reddemann
Site Vice President
Kewaunee and Point Beach Nuclear Plants
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
6610 Nuclear Road
Two Rivers, WI 54241

Dear Mr. Reddemann:

In response to your facility management letter dated September 27, 2001, and as augmented by discussions with Chuck Sizemore of your staff on January 10, 2002, we have tentatively scheduled an initial licensing examination for your operator license applicants at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant during the week of October 20, 2003. Validation of the examination will occur at the station during the week of September 1, 2003. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled week, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

As stated in your letter, your staff will develop the examination. To support the examination administration date, we have tentatively scheduled the date of August 18, 2003, to begin our review of your submitted examination.

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

Once your staff has determined a schedule for examination development, please have them contact the Chief Examiner to arrange for a suitable examination outline submittal date for NRC review. The intent is for the examination outline to be submitted early in the examination development process. This is to preclude the need to make significant changes to developed examination material as a result of the NRC review of the outline. Dell McNeil has been tentatively assigned as the Chief Examiner and can be reached at 630-829-9737.

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 Dell McNeil of my staff at 630-829-9737.

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Sincerely,



David E. Hills, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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License Nos. DPR-24; DPR-27

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May 13, 2002

Mr. M. Warner
Site Vice President
Kewaunee and Point Beach Nuclear Plants
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
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Two Rivers, WI 54241

Dear Mr. Warner:

In response to a telephone conversation that I had with Mr. Chuck Sizemore, Training Supervisor, on May 6, 2002, we have tentatively rescheduled an initial licensing examination for your operator license applicants at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant during the week of September 29, 2003. Validation of the examination will occur at the station during the week of August 25, 2003. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled week, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

As stated in your letter dated September 27, 2001, your staff will develop the examination. To support the examination administration date, we have tentatively scheduled the date of August 11, 2003, to begin our review of your submitted examination.

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

Once your staff has determined a schedule for examination development, please have them contact the Chief Examiner to arrange for a suitable examination outline submittal date for NRC review. The intent is for the examination outline to be submitted early in the examination development process. This is to preclude the need to make significant changes to developed examination material as a result of the NRC review of the outline. Mr. Michael E. Bielby has been tentatively assigned as the Chief Examiner and can be reached at 630-829-9762.

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 Dell R. McNeil of my staff at 630-829-9737.

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M. Warner

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UNITED STATES
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REGION III
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May 15, 2003

Mr. Alfred J. Cayia
Site-Vice President
Point Beach Nuclear Plant
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
6610 Nuclear Road
Two Rivers, WI 54241-9516

Dear Mr. Cayia:

In a telephone conversation on May 2, 2003 between Mr. C. Sizemore, Operations Training Supervisor, and Mr. M. Bielby, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant the week of September 29, 2003. In addition, the NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of August 18, 2003.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The NRC regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by June 26, 2003. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by August 11, 2003. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, examinations, and tests before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready to use. 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 examinations and operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402, and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-302, your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examinations and operating tests are being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (if any) (OMB approval number 3150-0090) 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, approval number 3150-0018, which expires on May 31, 2003.

The public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 500 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, D.C. 20555-0001, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV; and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0018), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. C. Sizemore 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 M. Bielby at 630-829-9762, or me at 630-829-9631.

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Sincerely,

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Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief
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June 9, 2003

Mr. Alfred J. Cayia
Site-Vice President
Point Beach Nuclear Plant
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
6610 Nuclear Road
Two Rivers, WI 54241-9516

Dear Mr. Cayia:

Our previous letter dated May 15, 2003, identified that preparation of your licensing examination would be based on the guidelines in Revision 8, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." However, in a subsequent telephone conversation on May 27, 2003, between Mr. Michael Bielby, Chief Examiner, and Mr. Chuck Sizemore, Training Supervisor, we understand that you will prepare the examination based on the guidelines in Revision 9 of NUREG-1021. The NRC regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. C. Sizemore 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 M. Bielby at 630-829-9762, or me at 630-829-9631.

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Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief
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