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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 2005-19
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

On August 24, 2005, the NRC issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2005-19, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." The subject RIS requested an update to the NRC on projected site-specific operator licensing examination schedules and the 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 as requested for Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba Nuclear Stations.

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

Very truly yours,

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Attachments

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NRC FORM 538 (6-2003)		U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION		APPROVED BY ONS: NO. 3180-0731		ENFORCE: 09/21/2004		
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA				<small>Estimated burden per response by comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan, prepare and administer for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimates to the Records and Compliance Division, Room 11-2 (C-7), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to records@nrc.gov, and to the Public Comment Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, (202) 456-6022, (315) 473-3111, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. A person need not answer an information collection if it does not display a valid OMB control number. The OMB may not publish or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.</small>				
FACILITY <i>Oconee</i>				NRC REGION <i>II</i>				
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<i>cy06</i>	<i>cy07</i>	<i>cy08</i>	<i>cy09</i>				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	<i>*.5</i>	<i>*.5</i>	<i>*.5</i>	<i>1</i>				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRO PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	<i>.5</i>	<i>.5</i>	<i>.5</i>	<i>1</i>				
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<i>cy06</i>	<i>cy07</i>	<i>cy08</i>	<i>cy09</i>				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	<i>3</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>			
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE	<i>6-19-06</i>	<i>8-20-07</i>	<i>8-11-08</i>	<i>2-15-09</i>	<i>10-17-09</i>			
ALTERNATE DATE	<i>6-26-06</i>	<i>8-27-07</i>	<i>8-18-08</i>	<i>2-22-09</i>	<i>10-26-09</i>			
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<i>cy06</i>				<i>cy07</i>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	<i>11</i>				<i>7</i>			

* *6/21/07* prepare operating exam
NRC prepare written exam

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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FACILITY

McGuire

NRC REGION

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>06</u>	CY <u>07</u>	CY <u>08</u>	CY <u>09</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>06</u>	CY <u>07</u>	CY <u>08</u>	CY <u>09</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	6	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	3	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	3	4	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		03/12/2007	05/19/2008	04/06/2009
ALTERNATE DATE		03/19/2007	05/26/2008	04/13/2009

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>06</u>				CY <u>07</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	9				5			

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OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA								
FACILITY <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Catawba Nuclear Station</div>		NRC REGION <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">II</div>						
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 06	CY 07	CY 08	CY 09				
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 06	CY 07	CY 08	CY 09				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	5	5	5				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	1	1	1	1				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	3	3	3				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0				
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE	12/04/2006	12/03/2007	12/01/2008	12/07/2009				
ALTERNATE DATE	12/11/2006	12/10/2007	12/08/2008	12/14/2009				
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 06				CY 07			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0