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INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION
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March 6, 2012

Mr. Jack M. Davis
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SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Davis:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at the Fermi Power Plant.

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Mr. James W. Davis, Training Director, Fermi Power Plant. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject examinations and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examinations in accordance with Revision 9, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," during the week of March 19, 2012. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of March 19, 2012. This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for licensed operator training at your facility. Based on this review, I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines, and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at 630-829-9718.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. Michael Bielby, at 630-829-9762, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

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September 13, 2011

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SUBJECT: FERMPOWER PLANT CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION

Dear Mr. Davis:

In a telephone conversation on August 9, 2011, between Mr. T. Barrett, Exam Lead and Mr. M. Bielby, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Fermi Power Plant, Unit 2, during the week of March 19, 2012. In addition, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of February 27, 2012.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 9, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The NRC's 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 January 6, 2012. The written examinations, operating tests, and supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 will be due by February 3, 2012. Pursuant to Title 10, Section 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations (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. We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. 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.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Barrett 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 Mr. M. Bielby at 630/829-9762, or me at 630/829-9707.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Peterson (for)".

Hironori Peterson, Chief
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**SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS:
FERMI 2 POWER PLANT**

Dear Mr. Davis:

In a letter dated July 27, 2009 (NRC-09-0047), your staff notified us that the number of applicants scheduled to take the Initial License Examination scheduled for the weeks of August 23 and August 30, 2010, had declined below nine applicants. In that letter you requested that the initial license examination be administered during the week of August 30, 2010, and the examination validation week be conducted during the week of August 9, 2010. We have adjusted our schedule to comply with your request and the examination and validation of the examination will occur during the weeks you have requested. In addition to the August 30, 2010, examination, you are scheduled to have an initial license examination during the weeks of March 19 and March 26, 2012, and another examination during the weeks of September 2 and September 9, 2013. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support these examinations during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examinations at a mutually acceptable date.

We understand that our staff will develop the August 2010 examination and your staff will develop the examination scheduled in 2012 and 2013 unless we discover the need for the NRC to develop an examination. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below ten for the 2012 or 2013 examinations as this will impact the examination schedule. Please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled date for any examination.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department manager approximately 120 days prior to each initial examination. The letter will provide the training staff the chief examiner's name, an outline of examination security expectations, and a list the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination. The letter will reconfirm the examination dates, and reconfirm the number of candidates you have in the training program. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mr. Dell McNeil of my staff at 630-829-9737.

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- References: 1) Fermi 2
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NRC License No. NPF-43
- 2) USNRC Letter to Detroit Edison, "Confirmation of Initial Operator License Examinations: Fermi 2 Power Plant," dated October 7, 2008

Subject: Request to Revise Initial Licensed Operator Examination Dates

This letter formalizes communications between Mr. Scott Schmus of the Fermi 2 training staff and Mr. Dell McNeil of NRC Region III regarding the scheduling of initial licensed operator examinations at Fermi 2. Specifically, this letter is to inform the NRC of the need to revise the previously proposed examination date for the initial operator license examination scheduled to take place during the two week period of August 23, and August 30, 2010 (Reference 2).

Due to the size of the initial licensed operator class being less than ten candidates, Detroit Edison no longer requires two weeks for administration of its 2010 NRC examination and requests that it be administered during the week of August 30, 2010. Additionally, Detroit Edison requests that the on-site validation of this examination, by the NRC, be conducted during the week of August 9, 2010.

If any additional information is needed regarding this matter, please contact Mr. David G. Coseo of my staff at 734-586-4055.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS:
FERMI 2 POWER PLANT

Dear Mr. Davis:

In a letter dated May 2, 2008 (NRC-08-0029), and in a subsequent letter dated August 5, 2008, your staff provided a response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2008-16, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." Your staff requested initial license examinations in March 2009, August 2010, February 2012, and September 2013. We have tentatively scheduled examinations for the following weeks: March 16, 2009, August 23, 2010, March 19, 2012, and September 2, 2013. We were not able to provide an examination on the primary date or the alternate date for the February 2012 examination. The examination is scheduled to occur one week after the alternate date proposed by your staff. On-site validation of the examinations will occur approximately three weeks prior to the start of the examination. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support these examinations during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examinations at a mutually acceptable date.

We understand that your staff will develop the examinations unless we discover the need for the NRC to develop the examination. The March 2009 examination was scheduled for one week, while the 2010, 2012, and 2013 examinations were scheduled for two weeks because the number of candidates was greater than nine. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below ten for any of these examinations as this will impact the examination schedule. Please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled date for the examination.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department manager approximately 120 days prior to each initial examination. The letter will provide the training staff the chief examiner's name, an outline of examination security expectations, and a list the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination. The letter will reconfirm the examination dates, and reconfirm the number of candidates you have in the training program. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mr. Dell McNeil of my staff at 630-829-9737.

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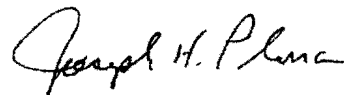
Attached is a completed NRC Form 536 for the Fermi 2 station. This form is being submitted in response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2008-16 "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations."

In a telephone conversation on July 17, 2008, Mr. Dell McNeil requested we include the preliminary dates for the Fermi 2 operator licensing examinations in 2013. For year 2013 the proposed dates are the week of September 2, 2013, as the primary date and the week of September 23, 2013, as the alternate date.

No new commitments are made in this letter.

If you have any questions in this matter please contact Mr. Timothy P. Horan, General Supervisor, Operations Training, at (734) 586-4961.

Sincerely,



Enclosure: NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data"

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2009	CY 2010	CY 2011	CY 2012
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	9	12	0	12
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2009	CY 2010	CY 2011	CY 2012
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	4	8	0	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	3	2	0	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2	2	0	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	03/16/2009	08/23/2010		02/27/2012
ALTERNATE DATE	03/23/2009	09/13/2010		03/12/2012

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2009				CY 2010			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10

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- References: 1) Fermi 2
NRC Docket No. 50-341
NRC License No. NPF-43
- 2) Detroit Edison Letter to USNRC, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," NRC-07-0045, dated July 24, 2007

Subject: Request to Revise Initial Licensed Operator Examination Dates

This letter formalizes communications between Scott Schmus and Tim Horan of the Fermi 2 training staff and Mr. Dell McNeil of NRC Region III regarding the scheduling of initial licensed operator examinations at Fermi 2. Specifically, this letter informs the NRC of the need to revise the previously proposed primary and alternate dates for the initial operator license examination requested in Reference 2.

Detroit Edison requests that an examination be administered with a primary date during the week of August 23, 2010. If this date is not available, then an alternate date during the week of November 1, 2010 is requested. Please note that Refueling Outage 14 (RF14) at Fermi 2 is currently scheduled from September 25, 2010 to October 25, 2010. Therefore, Detroit Edison requests that if the alternate date is chosen as the exam date, that examination validation be conducted prior to the week of September 13, 2010. This will ensure that adequate resources are available from the operations and training departments for the validation process before RF14 begins.

If any additional information is needed regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Timothy P. Horan, General Supervisor Operations Training, at 734-586-4961.

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All holders of operating licenses and applicants for nuclear power reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel.

INTENT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this regulatory issue summary (RIS) to inform addressees of the NRC staff's need for updated information on projected site-specific operator licensing examination schedules, as well as the estimated numbers of applicants planning to take operator licensing examinations and the NRC's generic fundamentals examinations (GFEs). This information will help the NRC to more effectively use its resources. This RIS requires no action or written response on the part of addressees. Addressee actions to collect and transmit the information requested are strictly voluntary.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 55.40 (b), "Written Examinations and Operating Tests," permits nuclear power facility licensees to prepare, proctor, and grade the written examinations required by 10 CFR 55.41, "Written Examination: Operators," and 10 CFR 55.43, "Written Examination: Senior Operators," provided that they satisfy certain conditions. Under 10 CFR 55.40, facility licensees are also permitted to prepare the NRC-administered operating tests required by 10 CFR 55.45, "Operating Tests." Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(c), facility licensees that choose not to prepare their own examinations and operating tests must request in writing that the NRC prepare the examination and the operating tests.

In RIS 2007-17, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated July 12, 2007, the NRC asked facility licensees to submit proposed schedules of examinations that they intended to prepare and estimate the number of applicants to be tested in site examinations and GFEs in calendar years (CYs) 2008 through 2011.

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The objective of this RIS is to update examination schedules and applicant estimates for CYs 2009 through 2011 and add an estimate for CY 2012.

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE

The NRC uses about twice as many resources to prepare an examination as to review, approve, administer, and document a facility-prepared examination. The number of examinations administered by licensees fluctuates from year to year. Consequently, the NRC has found it helpful to request an annual update of power reactor facility licensees' initial operator licensing examination needs. Moreover, with the anticipated number of new operator positions that will need to be filled for new plants, the differences in upcoming years could be significant. Therefore, we request that you evaluate your response to this RIS in this light, particularly for the latter years. For those utilities that are not planning to construct a new plant, your response should consider the impact of licensed operators moving between utilities to fill the many anticipated openings in the future. The update should include an estimate of the number of applicants to be examined and whether the licensee or the NRC will prepare the exam. This information will help the NRC budget its resources. The NRC regional offices will continue to coordinate specific examination dates with the training managers of affected facility licensees.

The NRC is requesting that each licensee provide the following information on NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data" (enclosed):

A. Proposed Examination Preparation Schedule

Estimate the number of examinations you intend to prepare and the number of examinations you will request the NRC to prepare during CYs 2009 through 2012. For examinations that facility licensees will prepare, the NRC will assume that each examination includes the required outline, the written examination, and the operating test unless otherwise specified. Joint NRC/licensee examination development is permitted and should be coordinated with the NRC regional office.

B. Initial Operator License Examinations

For each desired examination, estimate the number of applicants to be tested and enter the proposed primary and alternate dates of examination. If you are requesting more than one examination per CY, split the applicable column or use additional forms as necessary to cover all the examinations through CY 2012.

C. Proposed Generic Fundamentals Examination Schedule

Estimate by month the number of applicants who plan to take the GFE in CYs 2009 and 2010. As requested by the industry, the NRC now administers the GFE four times a year.

VOLUNTARY RESPONSE

The NRC asks addressees choosing to submit the information requested in NRC Form 536 to do so within 30 days of receiving this RIS. NRC Form 536 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/forms/>. Direct your response to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and send a copy of the response to the applicable regional office. You may submit RIS responses electronically.

BACKFIT DISCUSSION

This RIS requires no action or written response. Any action on the part of addressees to collect and transmit operator licensing examination data in accordance with the guidance contained in this RIS is strictly voluntary and, therefore, is not a backfit under 10 CFR 50.109, "Backfitting." Consequently, the NRC staff did not perform a backfit analysis.

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTIFICATION

The NRC did not publish in the *Federal Register* a notice of opportunity for public comment on this RIS because it pertains to an administrative aspect of the regulatory process that involves the voluntary submission of information on the part of addressees.

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT

This RIS is not a rule as designated by the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. §§801-808) and therefore, is not subject to the Act.

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OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA		
FACILITY		NRC REGION
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE		
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY ____	CY ____
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS		
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY ____	CY ____
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT		
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE		
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED		
PROPOSED DATES		
PRIMARY DATE		
ALTERNATE DATE		
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE		
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY ____	CY ____
	MARCH JUNE SEPTEMBER DECEMBER	MARCH JUNE SEPTEMBER DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES		