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Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1  
Facility Operating License No. NPF-90  
NRC Docket No. 50-390

Subject: **Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2012-07 – Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations**

- References:
1. NRC RIS 2012-07, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated June 8, 2012
  2. Tennessee Valley Authority letter to NRC, "Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2011-04 - Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated July 8, 2011

RIS 2012-07 requested information regarding WBN's projected operator licensing examination schedules and the estimated number of applicants. The enclosure to this letter addresses the NRC's request and provides an estimate of the examination requirements for WBN on NRC Form 536. Please note that the information provided in the enclosure revises the information previously provided via Reference 2.

There are no regulatory commitments associated with this submittal. TVA's principal contact regarding the license examinations is Mr. Greg Evans. Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Evans at (423) 365-8081 or Donna Guinn, Site Licensing Manager, at (423) 365-1589.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure - NRC Form 536 - Operator Licensing Examination Data

cc (Enclosure):

Regional Administrator - Region II  
NRC Senior Resident Inspector - Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1

**Enclosure**

**NRC Form 536  
Operator Licensing Examination Data**

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**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 Information Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to [Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:Infocollects.Resource@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

Watts Bar Nuclear Plant

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**A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>
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	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		6	10	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT		4	6	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE		2	4	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED		0	0	
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		01/19/2015	07/18/2016	
ALTERNATE DATE		02/16/2015	08/15/2016	

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

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>				CY <u>2015</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0