



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

REGION III  
2443 WARRENVILLE RD. SUITE 210  
LISLE, IL 60532-4352

Multiple Addressees – Letter Dated January 9, 2017

IDENTICAL LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THE TRAINING MANAGERS OF THE REGION III  
FACILITIES LISTED ON THE ATTACHED DISTRIBUTION PAGE

**SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION  
SECTION OF THE WRITTEN OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION FOR  
2017**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) plans to administer the generic fundamentals examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination on the following dates during this calendar year:

**March 8, 2017  
September 6, 2017**

To register personnel to take the GFE, an authorized representative of your facility must submit a letter to the appropriate regional administrator with a copy addressed, as follows:

Chief, Operator Licensing and Training Branch, NRR  
Mail Stop O 7 D23  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.31(a)(3), an applicant for an operator license must submit a written request from an authorized representative of the facility licensee by which the applicant will be employed that the written examination and operating test be administered to the applicant. The NRC permits a request for administration of the GFE section of the written exam to be made and granted prior to the applicant's successful completion the facility licensee's requirements to be licensed as an operator or senior operator and prior to the facility licensee's certification of the need for an operator or a senior operator to perform assigned duties. However, the facility licensee should only request administration of the GFE section of the written exam for applicants who will have completed fundamentals training by the date of the examination.

The letter should identify the individuals who will take the examination. The letter should also identify the personnel who will have access to the examinations before they are administered (e.g., proctors) and include the address and name of the individual to whom the examinations are to be sent.

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To allow the NRC to assign docket numbers, both the NRC Regional Administrator and the Chief, Operator Licensing and Training Branch, should receive your letter **30 calendar days before each desired examination date** shown above. A sample registration letter is enclosed.

Copies of the administered BWR and PWR GFEs and their answer keys will be available for review in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) immediately after administration of the second subsequent GFE. The NRC will also update its GFE Web page, <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operator-licensing/generic-fundamentals-examinations.html>, at this time.

If you have any questions concerning this examination, please contact Jacob Dolecki at 301-415-2947.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Orlikowski', is positioned above the typed name.

Robert J. Orlikowski, Chief  
Operations Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosure: As stated

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Region III Facility Training Managers as Listed Below

Identical letters sent to:

K. Dovas, Braidwood, Docket Nos. 50-456; 50-457  
J. Nichols, Byron, Docket Nos. 50-454; 50-455  
J. Ruth, Clinton, Docket No. 50-461  
D. Emery, Donald C. Cook, Docket Nos. 50-315; 50-316  
J. Cuff, Davis-Besse, Docket No. 50-346  
T. Dean, Dresden, Docket Nos. 50-237; 50-249  
C. Hill, Duane Arnold, Docket No. 50-331  
A. Pullam, Fermi, Docket No. 50-341  
J. Lindsey, LaSalle, Docket Nos. 50-373; 50-374  
P. Kissinger, Monticello, Docket No. 50-263  
W. Nelson, Palisades, Docket No. 50-255  
R. Strohl, Perry, Docket No. 50-440  
J. Pierce, Point Beach, Docket Nos. 50-266; 50-301  
T. Wadley, Prairie Island, Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306  
E. Pannell, Quad Cities, Docket Nos. 50-254; 50-265

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Ms. Cynthia D. Pederson  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region III  
2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210  
Lisle, IL 60532-4352

Dear Ms. Pederson:

(Facility name) requests approval from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to have the following (number) individuals take the (BWR or PWR) generic fundamentals examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination to be administered on (date):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Previous Docket No.</u>
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(Insert the name, date of birth, and previous Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 55 Docket Number (if applicable) for each person.)

The registrants should have completed the generic fundamentals portion of the training program by the examination date and are expected to meet all other requirements of 10 CFR 55.31 in the future.

The following personnel will have access to the examinations before they are administered:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
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(Insert the name and title of each person who will have access to the examinations before they are administered (e.g., proctors)).

Please address the examinations to the **overnight mail** address, as follows (note that home addresses are not acceptable):

(Name, Title)  
(Street address)  
(City, State ZIP code)

If you have any questions, please contact (facility contact name) at (telephone number).

Sincerely,

(Name, title)

cc: Chief, Operator Licensing and Training Branch, NRR

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Robert J. Orlikowski, Chief  
Operations Branch  
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