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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 2018

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 7, 2018
September 5, 2018

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 Branch
Mail Stop O 13 H16M
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Alternatively, a voluntary online registration portal will be available the week of January 22, 2018, and can be used by an authorized representative of your facility to request administration of the GFE to individuals. More information on using this voluntary registration process can be found at <https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operator-licensing.html>. Use of this registration process will eliminate the need to submit a letter.

Under 10 CFR 55.31(a)(3), in order for the NRC written examination and operating test to be administered to an applicant for an operator license, the applicant shall submit a written request from an authorized representative of the facility licensee by which the applicant will be employed. As stated above, use of the online registration portal would satisfy this requirement. The NRC permits a request for administration of the GFE section of the written examination 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 examination for individuals who will have completed fundamentals training by the date of the examination.

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

To allow the NRC to assign docket numbers, both the NRC Regional Administrator and the Chief, Operator Licensing Branch, should receive your letter, or online registration, at least **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. At that time, the NRC will also update its GFE Web Page, <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operator-licensing/generic-fundamentals-examinations.html>.

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

Sincerely,



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

Docket No. (Number)

Enclosure:
Sample Registration Letter

Mr. K. Steven West
Regional Administrator
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210
Lisle, IL 60532-4352

Dear Mr. West:

(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

Enclosure

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Identical letters sent to Region III Facility Training Managers as Listed Below:

K. Dovas, Braidwood, Docket Nos. 50-456; 50-457
J. Nichols, Byron, Docket Nos. 50-454; 50-455
T. Dean, Clinton, Docket No. 50-461
D. Emery, Donald C. Cook, Docket Nos. 50-315; 50-316
J. Cuff, Davis-Besse, Docket No. 50-346
D. Thomas, 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
P. Boissoneault, Perry, Docket No. 50-440
D. Peterson, 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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