

**From:** [Carl Willis](#)  
**To:** [Schuster, William](#)  
**Cc:** [Taru, Zarva](#)  
**Subject:** [External\_Sender] Re: Re: RO examination schedule for University of New Mexico  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:30:17 PM

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Hi Bill!

This is to confirm that our operator licensing examination is scheduled for the week of November 2, 2020.

Thanks!

Carl

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**From:** Schuster, William <William.Schuster@nrc.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:53 PM  
**To:** Carl Willis <carlwillis@unm.edu>  
**Cc:** Taru, Zarva <Zarva.Taru@nrc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Re: RO examination schedule for University of New Mexico

[EXTERNAL]

Carl,

Since we've already sent you an examination confirmation letter, please confirm by replying to this email that the new date for the operator licensing examination is scheduled for the week of November 2, 2020.

We need to place your confirmation in the examination file.

Best regards,

*Bill*

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**From:** Schuster, William

**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2020 8:54 PM

**To:** Carl Willis <carlwillis@unm.edu>

**Subject:** RE: Re: RO examination schedule for University of New Mexico

Carl,

Good afternoon. The last time we exchanged emails, you indicated a preference for the month of October. Additionally, earlier this spring, I recall there were some challenges obtaining physician support to perform medicals for the candidates.

I currently have three examinations requested for October and am hoping to work with everyone to establish a schedule that works for each facility.

Is there a specific timeframe (or weeks) around October that would work best of UNM? Are there still challenges getting medicals? Do you foresee any challenges related to candidates being present at the reactor? Based on timing, we could likely make any week work starting from the last week of September.

Thank you.

Best regards,

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**From:** Schuster, William

**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 12:43 PM

**To:** Carl Willis <[carlwillis@unm.edu](mailto:carlwillis@unm.edu)>

**Cc:** Tate, Travis <[Travis.Tate@nrc.gov](mailto:Travis.Tate@nrc.gov)>; DeSouza, Michele <[Michele.DeSouza@nrc.gov](mailto:Michele.DeSouza@nrc.gov)>; Nguyen, John <[John.Nguyen@nrc.gov](mailto:John.Nguyen@nrc.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Re: RO examination schedule for University of New Mexico

Hello Carl,

Thank you for your email.

We are getting ready to schedule examinations in FY21. As such, my schedule is still open this fall. I have made a note that October is your preference.

John Nguyen will be sending out our FY21 examination schedule request soon that will also include a request to include cancelled examinations from FY20. We are planning to prioritize requests based on those that were cancelled during the public health emergency and facility need. Please be sure to response to John's request when you receive it.

Once we have received all of the requests for FY21, I will be able to work with you on scheduling a specific week around the October timeframe.

Best regards,

*Bill*

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**From:** Carl Willis <[carlwillis@unm.edu](mailto:carlwillis@unm.edu)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2020 12:28 PM  
**To:** Tate, Travis <[Travis.Tate@nrc.gov](mailto:Travis.Tate@nrc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Schuster, William <[William.Schuster@nrc.gov](mailto:William.Schuster@nrc.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External\_Sender] Re: RO examination schedule for University of New Mexico

Hello Mr. Schuster,

Per the attached email, Mr. Tate has asked that I work with you on setting up a date for RO examinations at the University of New Mexico. Of course it may be overly optimistic to be scheduling travel for NRC staff under the present circumstances and I appreciate that; however, if you're working on a calendar, I'd very much be interested in options for the Fall.

Thanks, and best regards,  
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**From:** Tate, Travis <[Travis.Tate@nrc.gov](mailto:Travis.Tate@nrc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** Carl Willis <[carlwillis@unm.edu](mailto:carlwillis@unm.edu)>  
**Cc:** Schuster, William <[William.Schuster@nrc.gov](mailto:William.Schuster@nrc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: RO examination schedule for University of New Mexico

[EXTERNAL]

Hello Mr. Willis,

I am doing well despite the challenging times. Thank you. I hope you are well also.

Regarding the examination, thanks for providing us with your preference for the examination. I cannot confirm at this time as we still have several moving pieces with the schedule, but we will note October for our planning. I ask that you work with William Schuster directly to confirm a date. I have copied him to this message.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Travis

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**From:** Carl Willis <[carlwillis@unm.edu](mailto:carlwillis@unm.edu)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:46 PM  
**To:** Tate, Travis <[Travis.Tate@nrc.gov](mailto:Travis.Tate@nrc.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External\_Sender] RO examination schedule for University of New Mexico

Hello Mr. Tate,

I hope all is going well for you in these challenging times.

We have a number of students (I think that number is going to be four) who would like to sit for the Reactor Operator license examination on the UNM AGN-201M reactor here at UNM. Our original plan was to have this exam back in the spring, but COVID-19 spoiled that opportunity and we're also going to need some catch-up operation later this year to fully prepare the students since they've been kept off campus.

I would like to check with you about making a schedule for the exams. If I had my choice, I'd suggest October. Obviously we need to send in the application documents as well.

Let me know how the NRC is approaching RO exams and if it makes sense to set a date.

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