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## ABSTRACT

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NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," establishes the policies, procedures, and practices for examining licensees and applicants for reactor operator and senior reactor operator licenses at power reactor facilities pursuant to Title 10, Part 55, of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR Part 55). The related guidance that was previously published in the "Examiners' Handbook for Developing Operator Licensing Written Examinations" (NUREG/BR-0122, Rev. 5, dated March 1990) has been incorporated herein. NUREG/BR-0122 is no longer in effect.

These examination standards are intended to assist NRC examiners and facility licensees to better understand the processes associated with initial and requalification examinations. The standards also ensure the equitable and consistent administration of examinations for all applicants. These standards are *for guidance purposes* and are not a substitute for the operator licensing regulations (i.e., 10 CFR Part 55), and they are subject to revision or other changes in internal operator licensing policy. **Minor policy clarifications that become necessary prior to the next formal revision of these standards will be promulgated on the NRC's operator licensing web page (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/OL/OLhome.html>).**

This revision implements an amendment to 10 CFR Part 55 that allows facility licensees to prepare the entire operator licensing examination and to proctor and grade the written portion of the examination. The NRC will prepare the examinations at least four times per year to maintain the proficiency of its examiners, as necessary to ensure quality, and upon written request by facility licensees consistent with NRC staff availability.

This revision will be used for all examinations administered after the effective date of the associated amendment to 10 CFR Part 55 or at an earlier date agreed upon by the facility licensee and its NRC Regional Office.

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