

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION II

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THIS LETTER DISTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING DOCKET NUMBERS:

Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260 and 50-296 Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Docket Nos. 50-325 and 50-324 Catawba Nuclear Station, Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414 Crystal River Nuclear Plant, Docket No. 50-302 Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-348 and 50-364 Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Docket No. 50-400 E. I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-321 and 50-366 McGuire Nuclear Station, Docket Nos. 50-369 and 50-370 North Anna Power Station, Docket Nos. 50-338 and 50-339 Oconee Nuclear Station, Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270 and 50-287 H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Docket No. 50-261 St. Lucie Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-335 and 50-389 Sequovah Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328 Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Docket No. 50-395, 52-027 and 52-028 Surry Power Station, Docket Nos. 50-280 and 50-281 Turkey Point Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-250 and 50-251 Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Docket Nos. 50-424, 50-425, 52-025 and 52-026 Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-390 and 50-391

SUBJECT: ANNUAL LETTER - GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SECTION

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 for the 2013 calendar year:

Date of GFE exams for 2013	Date registration letters from facilities due to NRC		
March 6, 2013	February 4, 2013		
June 5, 2013	May 6, 2013		
September 4, 2013	August 6, 2013		
December 4, 2013	November 1, 2013		

To register personnel to take the GFE, an authorized representative of your facility must submit a letter to Mr. Victor M. McCree, Regional Administrator, Region II, with a copy addressed as follows:

Chief, Operator Licensing and Training Branch, NRR U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 11555 Rockville Pike Mail Stop OWFN 07E01 Rockville, MD 20852-2738

Your letter should identify the individuals who will take the examination, and it should certify that they are enrolled in a facility licensee-sponsored program leading to NRC operator or senior operator licensing and that they will have completed their fundamentals training by the date of the examination. The letter should also identify the personnel who will have access to the examinations before they are administered (e.g., proctors) and the address to which the examinations are to be sent. To allow the NRC to assign docket numbers, your letter should be received by both the NRC Regional Administrator and the Chief, Operator Licensing and Human Performance Branch, 30 days before each desired examination date shown above. A sample registration letter is enclosed.

Copies of the administered GFEs and their answer keys will be available for review in the NRC's Public Document Room approximately 45 days following each examination. The NRC's GFE Web page (which is available at http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operator-licensing/generic-fundamentals-examinations.html) will be updated semi-annually, approximately 60 days following the June and December examinations.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

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SAMPLE REGISTRATION LETTER

Victor M. McCree Regional Administrator U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region II, Suite 1200 245 Peachtree Center Ave., NE Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1257

Dear Mr. McCree:

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

Name <u>Date of Birth</u> <u>Previous Docket No.</u>

(Insert the name, date of birth, and previous 10 CFR Part 55 Docket Number (if applicable) for each person.)

All of the listed personnel are enrolled in the <u>(facility name)</u> operator licensing training program and will have completed the generic fundamentals portion of the program by the examination date.

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

Name Title

(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 Street Address City, State, Zip Code

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

Sincerely,

(Name, Title)

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