UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
475 ALLENDALE ROAD
KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406-1415

October 27, 2011

THIS LETTER DISTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING DOCKET NUMBERS:

Beaver Valley Power Station, Docket Nos. 50-334 and 50-412
Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Docket Nos. 50-317 and 50-318
James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant, Docket No. 50-333
R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, LLC, Docket No. 50-244
Hope Creek Generating Station, Docket No. 50-354
Indian Point Station, Docket Nos. 50-247 and 50-286
Limerick Generating Station, Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353
Millstone Power Station, Docket Nos. 50-336 and 50-423
Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Docket Nos. 50-220 and 50-410
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Docket No. 50-219
Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Docket Nos. 50-277 and 50-278
Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Docket No. 50-293
Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Docket Nos. 50-272 and 50-311
Seabrook Station, Docket No. 50-443
Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388
Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Docket No. 50-289
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Docket No. 50-271

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION 2012 ADMINISTRATION DATES

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) plans to administer the generic fundamentals examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination for the year 2012, on the dates listed below, as noted in the first column.

| Date of GFE exams for 2012 | Date response letter from facility due to NRC | Available in ADAMS and Public Website |
|---|---|---|
| March 7, 2012 | February 8, 2012 | September, 2012 |
| June 6, 2012 | May 6, 2012 | December, 2012 |
| September 5, 2012 | August 8, 2012 | March, 2013 |
| December 5, 2012 | November 7, 2012 | June, 2013 |

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

Chief, Operator Licensing and Training Branch
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, 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 operator docket numbers, your letter should be received by the NRC Regional Administrator and the Chief, Operator Licensing Branch, NRR, **30 days before each desired examination date** shown above. A sample registration letter is enclosed.

Copies of the administered Pressurized-Water Reactor (PWR) and Boiler-Water Reactor (BWR) GFEs and their answer keys will be available for review from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) and on the NRC's GFE Web page approximately six months following the examination administration date. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html (the Public Electronic Reading Room), and the NRC's GFE Web page is accessible at http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operator-licensing/generic-fundamentals-examinations.html).

If you have any questions concerning this examination, please contact Lawrence Vick at 301-415-3181.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the PARS component of NRC's document system, ADAMS. The ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

Donald E. Jackson, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosure:
Sample Registration Letter

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ENCLOSURE

Mr. William Dean
Regional Administrator
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region 1
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

Dear Mr. Dean:

(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).

**Name** *(last, first and middle initial)* **Date of Birth** **Previous Docket No.**

*(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 (facility name) 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, Title
Street Address
City, State, Zip Code

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

Sincerely,

(Name, Title)

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