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Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

The April 5, 2000, Generic Fundamentals Examination (GFE) was administered to 129 candidates at 22 facilities. The examination operated smoothly and efficiently.

The summary statistical results of this exam are as follows:

	<b>BWR</b>	<b>PWR</b>
Facilities	9	11
Candidates	39	90
Mean Score	87.7	90.5
High Score	96	100
Low Score	75	59
Number of Failures	3 (77, 76, 75) 6.69%	4 (79, 78, 72, 59) 4.44%

The statistical results of this exam, e.g., mean scores and range were consistent, stable, and in line with past GFE exam performance. Overall exam difficulty level (i.e., mean score) is targeted at 87.00, and actual exam difficulty levels of 87.7 and 90.5 are near to expected results and consistent with past GFE performance. As in previous exams since February 1992, this exam was developed using the merged INPO/NRC test bank from your catalogs. Overall, we believe this exam was a good product and a valid measure of generic fundamental knowledge.

The failure rates, overall, were consistent with historical benchmarks (7 percent BWR/4 percent PWR). Failure results for this examination are fairly evenly distributed across regions and plants with no single plant outliers.

### **Facility Comments and Answer Key Changes**

#### **BWR Examination**

Three BWR facilities commented on 6 questions. Upon careful review of the facility comments, four items (Form A, items 7, 14, 17, and 72) were determined to warrant two correct answers. The remaining two items, for which comments were received, were determined to be technically and psychometrically sound as written. The answer key was changed and final grading adjusted to accept the answer key changes. These problematic items were not entered into the examination bank. All BWR utilities who submitted comments were provided an explanation to their specific comments and final resolution.

Enclosures: As stated

If you have any questions, please call me at 781-335-1000.

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