

February 14, 2000

Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley
President, Nuclear Generation Group
Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Regulatory Services
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Downers Grove, IL 60515

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

In a telephone conversation on January 28, 2000, between Mr. Hironori Peterson and Mr. Dale Spoerry, final arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Byron Generation Station the week(s) of June 19 and 26, 2000. In addition, the NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of May 29, 2000.

As previously agreed upon from our letter dated November 17, 1999, the NRC will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the examinations the week of May 29, 2000.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations and operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402, and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-302, your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examinations and operating tests are being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (if any) (OMB approval number 3150-0090) at least 30 days before the first examination date. If the applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. Signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Dale Spoerry has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Mrs. Ann Marie Stone at 630-829-9729, or me at 630-829-9733.

Sincerely,



David E. Hills, Chief
Operations Branch

Docket Nos. 50-454; 50-455
License Nos. NPF-37; NPF-66

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Byron Station, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-37 and NPF-66
NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-454 and STN 50-455

Subject: NRC Initial Operator License Examination Preparation Reference Materials

Reference: David E. Hills (NRC), Letter to Oliver D. Kingsley (ComEd), Dated
November 17, 1999

In accordance with NUREG 1021, ES-201, "Initial Operator Licensing Examination Process", Attachment 2, reference materials are provided for development of the initial licensing examination for Byron Station. The list of reference materials has been customized, in accordance with your instructions, to support the examination preparation.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Brad Adams, Regulatory Assurance Manager, at (815) 234-5441, extension 2280.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Levis".

William Levis
Site Vice President
Byron Station

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Attachment: Examination Reference Materials

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bcc: NRC Project Manager - NRR - Byron Station, w/o attachments
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Byron Station, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-37 and NPF-66
NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-454 and STN 50-455

SUBJECT: NRC Initial Operator Examination Dates

Dear Mr. Dyer:

Byron Station formally requests a NRC initial license examination be conducted during the weeks of June 19, 2000 and June 26, 2000. Examinees will include six direct senior reactor operator candidates and nine reactor operator candidates. Of the nine reactor operator candidates, one was unsuccessful in the written and operating portions of the last Byron Station initial license examination given in 1998.

Discussions have been held to tentatively schedule these dates with Mr. Hironori Peterson. Mr. Peterson indicated at that time that the desired dates in June 2000 were available. Byron Station is also requesting the NRC to author the licensing examination that is to be administered on the previously discussed dates. *(See attached e-mail; Byron will author exam)*

if you have any questions or comments regarding this request, please contact Brad Adams, Regulatory Assurance Manager, at 815-234-5441, Ext. 2280.

Sincerely,

K. L. Graesser
Site Vice President
Byron Station

KLG/GS/es

cc: R. M. Gallo, Chief, Operator Licensing and Human Performance Branch
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Byron Station

From: Michael Bielby
To: David Hills, Dell McNeil
Date: Tue, Jun 15, 1999 4:24 PM
Subject: Yr '00 Byron Exam

Dave,

Brad Adams, Byron Reg Assurance Manager, (815)234-541, x2280 called Tuesday to tell you that they are willing to write the 6/00 exam based on our shortage of manpower.

cc H. Peterson

November 17, 1999

Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley
President, Nuclear Generation Group
Commonwealth Edison Company
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Executive Towers West III
1400 Opus Place, Suite 500
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

This is to notify you of a change from our letter dated September 6, 1999 where we informed you that your staff would develop the Byron Generating Station initial licensing examination. It is now our intention that the examination, tentatively scheduled during the weeks of June 19 and June 26, 2000 will be developed by the NRC. This change of plans was communicated during a telephone conversation between Mrs. Ann Marie Stone and Mr. Dale Sperry on November 17, 1999.

The NRC will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the examinations the week of May 29, 2000.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 by January 17, 2000. Any delay in receiving the required reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By David E. Hills

David E. Hills, Chief
Operations Branch

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September 6, 1999

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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

In response to K. L. Graesser's letter dated March 10, 1999, we have tentatively scheduled an initial licensing examination for Byron operator license applicants during the weeks of June 19 and 26, 2000. Validation of the examination will occur at the station during the week of May 29, 2000. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

As agreed upon in a telephone conversation on June 15, 1999, your staff will develop the examination.

Mr. Graesser's letter indicated you are training approximately 15 candidates for the examination. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below 10 as this will impact the examination schedule. Please also inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you are unable to support the examination on the scheduled dates.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the examination outlining examination security expectations, listing the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirming the examination dates, and reconfirming the number of candidates you have in the training program. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mary Ann Bies of my staff at 630-829-9711.

Sincerely,

/s/ David E. Hills

David E. Hills, Chief
Operations Branch

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William Levis
Site Vice President
Byron Station

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Attachment: Examination Reference Materials

cc: NRC Senior Resident Inspector - Byron Station, w/o attachments

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Facility: <u>Bryon</u>		Date of Examination: <u>6/20/2000</u>
Examinations Developed by: Facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NRC (circle one)		
Target Date*	Task Description / Reference	Chief Examiner's Initials
-180	1. Examination administration date confirmed (C.1.a; C.2.a & b)	AMS
-120	2. NRC examiners and facility contact assigned (C.1.d; C.2.e)	AMS
-120	3. Facility contact briefed on security & other requirements (C.2.c)	AMS
-120	4. Corporate notification letter sent (C.2.d)	AMS
[-90]	[5. Reference material due (C.1.e; C.3.c)]	AMS
-75	6. Integrated examination outline(s) due (C.1.e & f; C.3.d)	AMS
-70	7. Examination outline(s) reviewed by NRC and feedback provided to facility licensee (C.2.h; C.3.e)	N/A
-45	8. Proposed examinations, supporting documentation, and reference materials due (C.1.e, f, g & h; C.3.d)	AMS
-30	9. Preliminary license applications due (C.1.i; C.2.g; ES-202)	AMS
-14	10. Final license applications due and assignment sheet prepared (C.1.i; C.2.g; ES-202)	AMS
-14	11. Examination approved by NRC supervisor for facility licensee review (C.2.h; C.3.f)	AMS
-14	12. Examinations reviewed with facility licensee (C.1.j; C.2.f & h; C.3.g)	AMS
-7	13. Written examinations and operating tests approved by NRC supervisor (C.2.i; C.3.h)	AMS
-7	14. Final applications reviewed; assignment sheet updated; waiver letters sent (C.2.g, ES-204)	AMS
-7	15. Proctoring/written exam administration guidelines reviewed with facility licensee and authorization granted to give written exams (if applicable) (C.3.k)	AMS
-7	16. Approved scenarios, job performance measures, and questions distributed to NRC examiners (C.3.i)	AMS
<p>* Target dates are keyed to the examination date identified in the corporate notification letter. They are for planning purposes and may be adjusted on a case-by-case basis in coordination with the facility licensee.</p> <p>[] Applies only to examinations prepared by the NRC.</p>		