

**From:** William Huffman  
**To:** Glenn Kelly  
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**Subject:** Re: staffing at decommissioning sites

Glenn,

decommissioning staffing is currently controlled on a plant specific basis by technical specification amendment. Staffing is not controlled controlled by Part 55 - there are no regulations that address staffing for decommissioning plants. The proposal in our rulemaking plan would provide a minimum staffing level for operations staff and ensure that the certified fuel handler (or what ever we title we agree to in the final rule) is qualified by an NRC approved program. However, we will not license the fuel handler as is done for operators at operating plants.

Your response that shiftly staffing is controlled by TS is absolutely correct. Every decommissioning licensee has a techspec that addresses the staffing levels. As long as fuel is stored in the spent fuel pool, an operator equivalent to the certified fuel handler will be onsite.

>>> Glenn Kelly 06/26 3:41 PM >>>

Is it true that staffing at decommissioning sites is controlled on a plant-specific basis by TS or is staffing controlled by Part 55(?). I have a public comment that wants to assure that fuel handlers are on the job when an accident occurs. I said that the staff is developing staffing regulations for Commission consideration, but that day-to-day staffing at decommissioning RX is by TS.

**CC:** Richard Pelton, Tanya Eaton

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