

**CORPORATE NOTIFICATION LETTER AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

**FOR THE BRAIDWOOD INITIAL EXAMINATION OCT/NOV 2000**



*Supplement 1*

UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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June 12, 2000

Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley  
President, Nuclear Generation Group  
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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

In a telephone conversation on June 9, 2000, between Mr. Hironori Peterson, Senior Operations Inspector and Mr. Robert Covert, Training Superintendent, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Braidwood Nuclear Power Station the week(s) of October 23 and 30, 2000. In addition, the NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of September 25, 2000.

As agreed during the telephone conversation and in previous correspondence dated January 18, 2000, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The NRC regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered.

Based on the January 18, 2000 correspondence, your staff submitted the examination outlines on April 19, 2000. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by June 19, 2000 as agreed upon in the January 18, 2000 letter. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, examinations, and tests before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready to use. Any delay in receiving the required examination and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

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.

This letter contains information collections that are subject to the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995* (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). These information collections were approved by the Office of Management and Budget, approval number 3150-0101, which expires on September 30, 2000.

The public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 500 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, writing the examinations, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments on any aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Information and Records Management Branch (T-6 F33), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV; and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0101), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Coovert 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 Mr. Mike Bielby at 630-829-9762, or me at 630-829-9733.

Sincerely,



David E. Hills, Chief  
Operations Branch

Docket Nos. 50-456; 50-457  
License Nos. NPF-72; NPF-77

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January 18, 2000

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SUBJECT: BRAIDWOOD/LASALLE/BYRON EXAMINATION & INSPECTION SCHEDULE

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

In a telephone conversation on January 12, 2000, between Mr. Paul DiGiovanna, Operator Licensing Superintendent, Commonwealth Edison Nuclear Generation Group, and Mr. David Hills, Chief, Operations Branch, NRC Region III, several modifications to the NRC operator licensing examination and inspection schedule for Commonwealth Edison facilities were discussed. The purpose of the modifications was to facilitate a change requested by your staff to administer the Braidwood operator licensing examination earlier than previously planned.

During the conversation, agreement was reached on the following schedule items:

- Initial NRC licensing examinations will be administered for the Braidwood Nuclear Power Station during the weeks of October 23 and 30, 2000. Your staff will support the NRC onsite preparation for the examination during the week of September 25, 2000. Your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors", April 1999, and provide the proposed written examinations, operating tests, and supporting reference materials by June 19, 2000.
- Initial NRC licensing examinations will be administered for the LaSalle Nuclear Power Station during the weeks of November 13 and 20, 2000. Your staff will support the NRC onsite preparation for the examination during the week of October 23, 2000. Your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors", April 1999, and provide the proposed written examinations, operating tests, and supporting reference materials by August 14, 2000.
- Your staff will conduct licensed operator requalification examinations for the Byron Nuclear Power Station on a schedule that will facilitate an NRC inspection in this area during the week of August 14, 2000, which will include the opportunity to observe administration of the operating examination on an operating crew.

O. Kingsley

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Appropriate submittal dates for the examination outlines will be arranged between the NRC chief examiners and your staff. If you have any questions or your understanding is different from that stated above, please contact me at 630-829-9733.

Sincerely,

*David E. Hills*

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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

In response to T. J. Tulon's letters dated February 15 and March 9, 1999, we have tentatively scheduled an initial licensing examination for Braidwood operator license applicants during the weeks of January 15 and 22, 2001. Validation of the examination will occur at the station during the week of December 18, 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 July 21, 1999, your staff will develop the examination.

Mr. Tulon's letter of February 15, 1999, indicated you are training approximately 16 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  
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March 9, 1999

Regional Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Dyer,

Braidwood Nuclear Station has scheduled a NRC Initial License exam to be administered December 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Braidwood Station does not desire to exercise the option of the utility developing and administering this scheduled examination, as allowed by the SECY-98-266 decision. Therefore, we are requesting that the NRC develop and administer the year 2000 Braidwood ILT exam, with the Station providing the necessary resources and support as outlined in NuReg 1021, Interim Rev. 8. This request has been discussed between Mr. Hironari Petersen and Mr. Terry Benton.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Mr. Terry Benton at (815) 458-3411 ext. 2355 or by pager (815) 773-3139.

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Tulon  
Site Vice President  
Braidwood Nuclear Generating Station

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February 15, 1999

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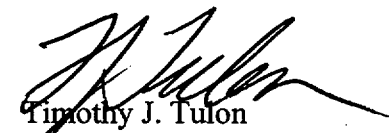
Mr. Dyer:

The Braidwood Nuclear Station requests a NRC initial exam date revision from the weeks of September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2000 and October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2000, to the weeks of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000 and December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Necessary programmatic improvements are being put into place which necessitate the NRC exam date change. We currently have a class of eight senior reactor operator candidates and eight reactor operator candidates. Our initial licensing class started February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

Discussions were held between Mr. Hironari Petersen and Mr. Terry Benton outlining this requested change in examination dates. Mr. Peterson informed the station that the requested dates are currently available.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Mr. Terry Benton at (815) 458-3411 ext. 2355, or by pager (815) 773-3139.

Respectfully,

  
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Site Vice President  
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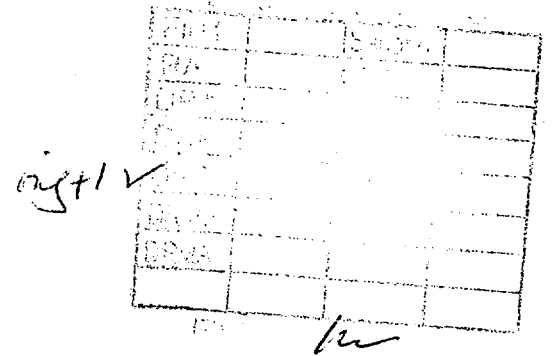
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December 28, 1998

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Dear Mr. Dyer:

The Braidwood Nuclear Station requests an NRC initial licensing exam date during the weeks of September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2000 and October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2000. We currently have a class of seven senior reactor operator candidates and seven reactor operator candidates. Our initial licensing class is starting February 8, 1999.

Discussions were held between Mr. Hironari Petersen and Mr. Terry Benton to tentatively schedule an initial licensing exam on the aforementioned dates. Mr. Petersen informed that the dates desired were currently available

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Mr. Terry Benton at (815) 458-3411 ext. 2355, or by pager (815) 773-3139.

Sincerely,

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