

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**

**REGARDING THE LASALLE EXAMINATION - NOVEMBER 2000**

July 10, 2000

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

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

In a telephone conversation on July 6, 2000, between Mr. Steven Russell and Mr. Dell McNeil, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the LaSalle County Station the weeks of November 13 and 20, 2000. In addition, the NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of October 23, 2000.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Supplement 1. The NRC regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, your staff furnished the examination outlines on June 19, 2000. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by August 14, 2000. 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.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Russell 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 Dell McNeil at 630-829-9737, or me at 630-829-9733.

Sincerely,



David E. Hills, Chief  
Operations Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-373; 50-374  
License Nos. NPF-11; NPF-18

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June 16, 2000

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LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2  
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-11 and NPF-18  
NRC Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374

Subject: Initial License Examination Integrated Examination  
Schedule

Enclosed is the integrated examination outline which LaSalle County Station is submitting for review, comment, and approval for the Initial License Examination scheduled for the week of November 13, 2000, at LaSalle County Station.

This submittal includes outlines for the senior reactor operator and reactor operator written examinations, the job performance measure walk-through, the administrative job performance measure walk-through, and the integrated operational scenarios.

This outline has been developed in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examiner Standards," Revision 8, Supplement 1.

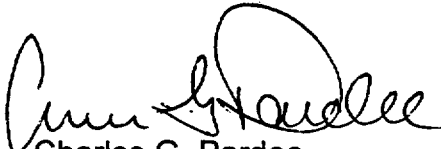
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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact  
Mr. Frank A. Spangenberg, III, Regulatory Assurance Manager, at  
(815) 357-6761, extension 2383.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles G. Pardee", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Charles G. Pardee  
Site Vice President  
LaSalle County Station

Enclosures

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## LIST OF ENCLOSURES

ES-201-2	Examination Outline Quality Checklist
ES-201-3	Examination Security Agreements
ES-301-1	Administrative Topics Outline
ES-301-2	Control Room Systems and Facility Walk-Through Test Outline
ES-301-5	Transient and Event Checklist
ES-301-6	Competencies Checklist
ES-401-1	BWR SRO Examination Outline
ES-401-2	BWR RO Examination Outline
ES-D-1	Scenario Outlines

cc: Mr. Kelly  
H. Patton

January 18, 2000

Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley  
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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.



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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*

David E. Hills, Chief  
Operations Branch

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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

In response to J. A. Benjamin's letters dated January 29 and March 1, 1999, we have tentatively scheduled an initial licensing examination for LaSalle operator license applicants during the weeks of November 13 and 20, 2000. Validation of the examination will occur at the station during the week of October 23, 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 August 10, 1999, your staff will develop the examination.

Mr. Benjamin's letter indicated you are training approximately 12 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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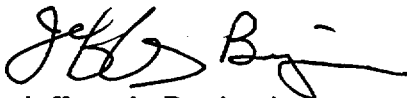
Subject: Change Request for Initial License Examination

The initial license class originally scheduled to begin in February 1999 has been postponed in order to support the startup of Unit 2. The course is now scheduled for completion on November 10, 2000. Therefore, we request that the Initial License Examination currently scheduled for the weeks of May 15 and 22, 2000, be changed to the weeks of November 13 and 20, 2000. The class size is projected to be twelve RO and SRO candidates.

We request that the NRC develop this examination.

Please confirm the availability of this date by contacting John Connon, ILT Group Lead at 815-357-6761 extension 3143.

Respectfully,



Jeffrey A. Benjamin  
Site Vice President  
LaSalle County Station

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January 29, 1999

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Region III  
Attention: NRC Region III Administrator  
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Lisle, IL 60532-4351

Subject: Request for Initial License Examination

The purpose of this letter is to formally request an Initial License Examination for the weeks of May 15 and May 22, 2000. LaSalle County Station is beginning an initial license course in February, 1999 that will contain twelve RO and SRO candidates. This course is scheduled for completion May 12, 2000.

Please confirm the availability of this date by contacting John Connon, ILT Group Lead at (815) 458-3411, extension 2426.

Respectfully,



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