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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: David E Hills, Region III
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Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2
OPERATOR LICENSE INITIAL EXAMINATION

This is to confirm that we have reviewed the Initial Operator License Examination administered during the week of May 7 - 23, 2001 and have no post examination comments.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ronald G. Brown, Operations Training Manager, at (616) 466-3342.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald G. Brown".

Ronald G. Brown
Operations Training Manager

/pae

c: M. A. Bies
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January 8, 2001

Mr. R. P. Powers
Senior Vice President
Nuclear Generation Group
American Electric Power Company
500 Circle Drive
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Dear Mr. Powers:

In a telephone conversation on December 21, 2000, between Mr. B. Wallace and Mr. H. Peterson, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the D. C. Cook Nuclear Plant the weeks of May 7, 14 and 21, 2001. In addition, the NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of April 16, 2001.

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 April 16, 2001.

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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The NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Wallace 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. H Peterson at 630-829-9707, or me at 630-829-9733.

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

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License Nos. DPR-58; DPR-74

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September 13, 2000

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Docket Nos.: 50-315
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Mr. David E. Hills, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
801 Warrenville Road
Lisle, IL 60532-4351

Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2
INFORMATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INITIAL REACTOR
OPERATOR 2001 LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

This letter is in response to an August 7, 2000, request by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for operator licensing examination reference material required to prepare the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 reactor operator initial license examinations. The attached reference material is being provided in accordance with ES-201, Attachment 2, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 8.

There are no commitments included in this submittal.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Barry J. Wallace, Training Manager, at (616) 466-3314.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. C. Bakken III", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

A. C. Bakken III
Site Vice President

/dmb

Attachment

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- c: M. A. Bies, w/o attachment
- J. E. Dyer, w/o attachment
- MDEQ - DW & RPD, w/o attachment
- NRC Resident Inspector, w/o attachment
- R. Whale, w/o attachment

cc: H. Peterson

August 7, 2000

Mr. R. P. Powers
Senior Vice President
Nuclear Generation Group
American Electric Power Company
500 Circle Drive
Buchanan, MI 49107-1395

Dear Mr. Powers:

This is to notify you of a change from our letter dated June 13, 2000, where we informed you that your staff would develop the D. C. Cook Nuclear Plant May 2001 initial licensing examinations. It is now our intention that the examinations, tentatively scheduled for the weeks of May 7 and 14, 2001, will be developed by the NRC. This change of plans was discussed during a telephone conversation between Mr. R. Brown and Mrs. A. M. Stone on July 5, 2000.

The NRC will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Supplement 1 of 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 April 16, 2001.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference material identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 by September 15, 2000. Any delay in receiving the required reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

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.

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R. Powers

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. R. Brown 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. A. M. Stone at 630-829-9729, or me at 630-829-9733.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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

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June 13, 2000

cc: H. Peterson
D. McNeil

Mr. R. P. Powers
Senior Vice President
Nuclear Generation Group
American Electric Power Company
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Buchanan, MI 49107-1395

Dear Mr. Powers:

In response to your letter dated March 8, 2000, we have rescheduled your calendar year 2001 initial licensing examinations for your operator license applicants at the D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant. These changes were communicated during a telephone conversation between Mr. R. Brown and Mrs. A. M. Stone on May 25, 2000. The first initial licensing examination is tentatively scheduled during the weeks of May 7 and 14, 2001, with an examination validation visit at your facility the week of April 16, 2001. The second examination is tentatively scheduled during the weeks of August 13 and 20, 2001, with an examination validation visit at your facility the week of July 23, 2001.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to each 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,
David E. Hills
David E. Hills, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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- cc: A. C. Bakken III, Site Vice President
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- M. Rencheck, Vice President, Nuclear Engineering
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cc: A. M. Stone



March 8, 2000

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Docket Nos.: 50-315
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Regional Administrator, Region III
801 Warrenville Road
Lisle, IL 60532-4351

Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2
REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN DATE FOR INITIAL LICENSE EXAMS

This letter requests new examination dates for the Donald C Cook Nuclear Plant (CNP) Senior Reactor Operator – Instant (SROI) and initial Reactor Operator (RO)/upgrade Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) classes of the year 2000.

In order to alleviate an anticipated shortage of SRO licensed personnel at CNP due to attrition and re-assignment, a SROI class was selected. This class was originally scheduled to start in April 2000, with the exam scheduled to be administered the weeks of April 23 and May 4, 2001. After selection, these personnel were assigned duties associated with restart of the units, with the understanding that they would perform those duties until the scheduled restart of Unit 1. However, restart has been delayed, and these personnel will continue to perform duties that are vital to the restart effort.

Because removal of these personnel from restart duties at this time could further impact restart, CNP has delayed the start of the SROI class to July 2000, and finds it necessary to request a change in the SROI initial exam date to the weeks of July 16 and July 27, 2001. Administration of the exam at that particular time will allow the SROI candidates to complete their restart related duties, yet have the opportunity to receive their licenses before the number of SRO licenses at CNP drops to a critically low number.

It is additionally requested that the April 23, 2001 examination date, previously reserved for the SROI exam, be re-assigned to our initial RO/upgrade SRO exam. If our request is granted, this would result in the CNP initial RO/upgrade SRO exams being administered the week of April 23, 2001, and the SROI exam being administered the weeks of July 16 and 27, 2001.

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For planning purposes, we ask that you respond to this request by April 28, 2000.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Barry Wallace, Training Manager, at (616) 466-3314.

Sincerely,



A. C. Bakken III
Site Vice President

/dms

c: J. E. Dyer
D. E. Hills
MDEQ - DW & RPD
NRC Resident Inspector
R. Whale

cc: R. A. Bailey

September 8, 1999

Mr. R. P. Powers
Senior Vice President
Nuclear Generation Group
American Electric Power Company
500 Circle Drive
Buchanan, MI 49107-1395

Dear Mr. Powers:

In response to Walt Nelson's letters dated June 14 and July 26, 1999, we have tentatively scheduled initial licensing examinations for D. C. Cook operator license applicants during the weeks of March 5 and 12, 2001, and April 23 and 30, 2001. Validation of the examinations will occur at the station during the weeks of February 12 and April 2, 2001, respectively. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examinations 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 9, 1999, your staff will develop the examinations.

Mr. Nelson's letters indicated you are training approximately 32 candidates for the examinations. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below 10 for either examination 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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July 26, 1999

David Hills
Branch Chief
Operating Licensing Branch
Region III
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
801 Warrenville Road
Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351

Dear Mr. Hills

Cook Nuclear Plant would like to accept the two Initial License Operator examinations dates you proposed. The first examination administration date was the weeks of March 05, 2001 and March 12, 2001. The number of candidates who would be prepared to take this examination is 12 (4 Upgrade SROs and 8 ROs). Administration of the second examination would take place the weeks of April 23, 2001 and April 30, 2001. 20 Instant SRO candidates will be prepared to take this examination.

As per our phone conversation, Region III will develop the April examination for the Instant SRO class. Cook Nuclear Plant will allocate the necessary resources to support development activities for the March examination in accordance with NUREG-1021, Revision 8. We look forward to working with you and your staff during the preparation, validation, and approval process associated with the development of these examinations.

If you have any questions regarding this request please contact Walt Nelson at (616) 466-3332 or John Walker at (616) 465-5901 ext. 1887.

Sincerely,

Walt Nelson
Walt Nelson
ILT Supervisor

cc: Christopher Bakkan, Site Vice President
Tom Noonan, Plant Manager
Barry Wallace, Training Manager
Larry Weber, Operations Manager
Ron Sieber, Operations Training Manager

*A response to the
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w/ Don Walker
Cook will write.*

JUL 28 1999

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616 465 5901

cc: R. Bailey
M. Bulley (letybc)



June 14, 1999

David Hills
Branch Chief
Operating Licensing Branch
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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351

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Fax # 630-515-1249	Fax # 616-466-3320	

Dear Mr. Hills

Cook Nuclear Plant would like to request the administration of two Initial License Operator examinations. The first examination would be administered the weeks of November 27, 2000 and December 4, 2000. The number of candidates who would be prepared to take this examination is 12 (4 Upgrade SROs and 8 ROs). Administration of the second examination would take place the weeks of February 19, 2001 and March 2, 2001. 20 Instant SRO candidates will be prepared to take this examination.

We will allocate the necessary resources to support development activities for these two examinations in accordance with NUREG-1021, Revision 8. Additional resources will be made available to assist your staff during examination administration. We look forward to working with you and your staff during the preparation, validation, and approval process associated with the development of these examinations.

If you have any questions regarding this request please contact Walt Nelson at (616) 466-3332 or John Walker at (616) 465-5901 ext. 1847.

Sincerely,


Walt Nelson
ILT Supervisor

- cc: Christopher Bakkan, Site Vice President
- Barry Wallace, Training Manager
- Larry Weber, Operations Manager
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