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Subject: Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-17
"Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-39 and NPF-85
Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353

Oyster Creek Generating Station
Facility Operating License No. DPR-16
Docket No. 50-219

Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-44 and DPR-56
Docket Nos. 50-277 and 50-278

Three Mile Island Station, Unit 1
Facility Operating License No. DPR-50
Docket No. 50-289

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2001-17, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated August 22, 2001

In the Reference letter, the NRC requested licensees to voluntarily submit a response concerning initial operator licensing examination needs, including an estimate of the number of applicants to be examined and intentions regarding the preparation of the examinations.

Attachments 1 through 4 are the Exelon Nuclear responses to RIS 2001-17 for Limerick Generating Station (LGS), Oyster Creek Generating Station (Oyster Creek), Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS), and Three Mile Island Station, Unit 1 (TMI Unit 1), respectively. The operator licensing examination information for each facility is provided on a separate NRC Form 536.

During Calendar Years CY2002 and CY2005, a total of eight (8) candidates per year are expected to take the dual site Limited Senior Reactor Operator (LSRO) initial license examination as indicated in Attachment 1. The schedule for the indicated exam is as follows:

the written exam and part of the operating exam will be given at LGS; the remainder of the operating exam will be completed at PBAPS.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Gallagher
Director – Licensing
Mid-Atlantic Regional Operating Group

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Completed NRC Form 536 for LGS
- Attachment 2 – Completed NRC Form 536 for Oyster Creek
- Attachment 3 – Completed NRC Form 536 for PBAPS
- Attachment 4 – Completed NRC Form 536 for TMI Unit 1

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 - C. Gratton, USNRC Senior Project Manager, LGS
 - H. N. Pastis, USNRC Senior Project Manager, Oyster Creek
 - J. P. Boska, USNRC Senior Project Manager, PBAPS
 - T. G. Colburn, USNRC Senior Project Manager, TMI Unit 1

NRC FORM 536 (8-2000)	U.S NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION	APPROVED BY OMB NO 3150-0131	EXPIRES 07/31/2002
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA		Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records Management Branch (T-6 E6) U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 or by internet email to bjs1@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.	

FACILITY LIMERICK GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2	NRC REGION I
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2002</u>	CY <u>2003</u>	CY <u>2004</u>	CY <u>2005</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	2	1	1	2
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2002</u>	CY <u>2003</u>	CY <u>2004</u>	CY <u>2005</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	5	5	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	6	4	4	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	1	3	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	8 06/02/02	0	0	8 06/05/05
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	10/06/02	10/05/03	10/03/04	10/02/05
ALTERNATE DATE	10/13/02	10/12/03	10/10/04	10/09/05

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2002</u>			CY <u>2003</u>		
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	9	0	0	9

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FACILITY							NRC REGION	
OYSTER CREEK GENERATING STATION							I	
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER		CY 2002		CY 2003		CY 2004		CY 2005
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		1		1		1		1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		0		0		0		0
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS								
PROPOSED NUMBER		CY 2002		CY 2003		CY 2004		CY 2005
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		0		0		0		0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT		11		12		12		6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE		0		0		0		2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED		0		0		0		0
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE		05/13/02		03/03		03/04		06/05
ALTERNATE DATE		06/02		04/03		04/04		07/05
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER		CY 2002			CY 2003			
		FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES		12	0	0	12	0	0	

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FACILITY PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3						NRC REGION I			
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE									
PROPOSED NUMBER		CY 2002		CY 2003		CY 2004		CY 2005	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		1		1		1		1	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		0		0		0		0	
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS									
PROPOSED NUMBER		CY 2002		CY 2003		CY 2004		CY 2005	
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		4		2		2		2	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT		0		3		2		3	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE		1		1		2		1	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED		*		*		*		*	
PROPOSED DATES									
PRIMARY DATE		09/23/02		09/22/03		09/24/04		09/19/05	
ALTERNATE DATE		09/30/02		09/29/03		09/27/04		09/26/05	
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE									
PROPOSED NUMBER		CY 2002			CY 2003				
		FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD		
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES		0	5	0	0	4	0		

* See Attachment 1

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FACILITY							NRC REGION	
THREE MILE ISLAND UNIT 1							I	
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER		CY 2002		CY 2003		CY 2004		CY 2005
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		0		2		1		1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		0		0		0		0
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS								
PROPOSED NUMBER		CY 2002		CY 2003		CY 2004		CY 2005
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		0		0		3		2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT		0		15		4		4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE		0		0		0		0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED		0		0		0		0
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE		N/A		02/10/03 & 10/03		11/04		10/05
ALTERNATE DATE		N/A		N/A		12/04		11/05
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER		CY 2002			CY 2003			
		FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES		1	0	8	0	0	7	