

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

FOR THE DONALD C. COOK INITIAL RETAKE

EXAMINATION - SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

August 2, 2001

Mr. R. P. Powers
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American Electric Power Company
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Dear Mr. Powers:

In a telephone conversation on July 12, 2001, between Mr. R. Brown, Operations Training Supervisor, and Mr. H. Peterson, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing written re-take examination at the D. C. Cook Nuclear Power Station the week of September 10, 2001.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8, Supplement 1, 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.

To meet the above schedule, your staff furnished the examination outline on July 23, 2001. The written re-take examination and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by August 6, 2001. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outline and examination 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 examination to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written re-take examination, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written re-take examination is 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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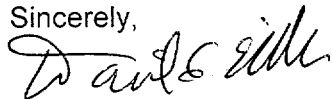
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Brown has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Mr. H. Peterson at 630-829-9707, or me at 630-829-9733.

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Sincerely,



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Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2
SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR (SRO) RETAKE WRITTEN
EXAMINATION GRADING WITH COMMENTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approved written retake examination was administered on September 10, 2001, to one applicant. In accordance with ES-403, "Grading Initial Site-Specific Written Examinations," of NUREG-1021, the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant (CNP) training department personnel administered, graded and reviewed the facility developed examination. The applicant missed twenty-two (22) questions out of a possible 100 questions. Each missed question was independently reviewed for technical validity.

CNP personnel determined that four (4) questions required some form of revision since they contained various levels of technical errors. Specifically, one question on the examination should be deleted since there was no correct response, one question was marked incorrectly as to the proper response, and two questions contained more than one correct response.

The following documents were delivered to your office on September 14, 2001: a review sheet for each question with a recommendation for change, a copy of the question as it was asked on the examination, and a copy of the appropriate references to support the recommended change.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ronald G. Brown, Operations Training Manager, at (616) 466-3314.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. J. Wallace", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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