

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

FOR THE PRAIRIE ISLAND INITIAL EXAMINATION - AUGUST 2002



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April 4, 2002

Mr. Mano Nazar
Site Vice-President
Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
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Dear Mr. Nazar:

In a telephone conversation on April 2, 2002, between Mr. John Kempkes, Supervisor Initial Licensing and Mr. Hironori Peterson, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant the week of August 12, 2002. In addition, the NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of July 15, 2002.

The NRC will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the examinations on July 9 and 10, 2002, and the week of July 15, 2002.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 by May 10, 2002. Any delay in receiving the required 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. Kempkes 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. Peterson at 630-829-9707, or me at 630-829-9733.

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Sincerely,



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

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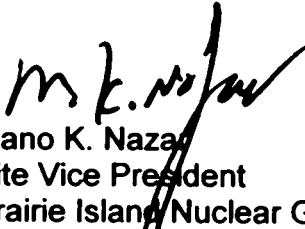
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Reference Materials for Initial Operator License Examination
Week of August 12, 2002

Enclosed are reference materials for your use in preparing the initial operator license examinations scheduled to be administered at our facility the week of August 12, 2002. This information is being provided in accordance with the guidelines ES-201 of NUREG 1021, "Operating License Examination Standard for Power Reactors," Revision 8, Supplement 1.

In this letter we have made no new Nuclear Regulatory Commission commitments.

Please contact John Kempkes (651-388-1165, Ext. 5031) if you have any questions related to this letter.


Mano K. Nazar
Site Vice President
Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant

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c: Nick Valos, NRC RIII, w/enclosures

Enclosures (only with Nick Valos' copy):

- 1) **Materials supplied on CD-ROM**
 - a) Simulator scenarios P8140S040- Initial Simulator
 - b) Simulator scenarios P8140S051- Review Phase Simulator
 - c) JPM exambank
 - d) B-series System Descriptions
 - e) C-series Operating Procedures
 - f) D-series Procedures
 - g) F-series procedures
 - h) H-series procedures
 - i) AWI- Plant Administrative Procedures
 - j) SWI-O- Operations Section Work Instructions
 - k) SP- Surveillance Procedures

- 2) **Alarm Response Procedures (4 volumes)**
 - a) C47.0-C47014
 - b) C47015-C47024, C47047-C47048
 - c) C47051-C47514
 - d) C47515-C47524

- 3) **Instrument Failure Guides (2 volumes)**
 - a) 1C51
 - b) 2C51

- 4) **PINGP 666, Event Notification Worksheet**

- 5) **PINGP 1125, Control Room Shift Manager/Shift Supervisor Emergency Director Checklist**

- 6) **PI Simulator Initial Conditions**

- 7) **PI Sim General Info**

- 8) **OpenSim Instructor Station Manual**

- 9) **PI Simulator Differences/Simulator Discrepancy Reports**

May 11, 2001

Mr. J. Sorensen
Site Vice-President
Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
1717 Wakonade Drive East
Welch, MN 55089

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

This is to notify you of a change from our letter dated April 2, 2001, in which we confirmed that your staff would develop the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant initial licensing examinations tentatively scheduled for August 12, 2002. As discussed during a telephone conversation between Mr. J. Kempkes, Initial Licensing Supervisor, and Mr. H. Peterson, Chief Examiner, on May 4, 2001, the examination will now be developed by the NRC staff. This change is to facilitate certification of an NRC examiner.

The NRC will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the examinations the week of July 15, 2002.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 by November 12, 2001. Any delay in receiving the required reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

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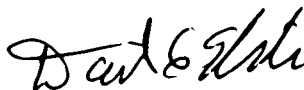
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. J. Kempkes has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Mr. H. Peterson at 630-829-9707, or me at 630-829-9733.

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April 2, 2001

Mr. J. Sorensen
Site Vice-President
Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant
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1717 Wakonade Drive East
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Dear Mr. Sorensen:

In response to your facility letter dated April 3, 2000, we have tentatively scheduled an initial licensing examination for your operator license applicants at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant during the week of August 12, 2002. Validation of the examination will occur at the station during the week of July 15, 2002. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled week, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

As stated in your letter and confirmed in a telephone conversation between J. Kempkes, Prairie Island, and D. R. McNeil, NRC, on March 5, 2001, your staff will develop the examination. To support the examination administration date, we have tentatively scheduled the date of June 24, 2002, to begin our review of your submitted examination.

Please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you are unable to support the examination on the scheduled dates.

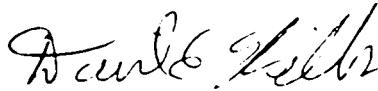
Once your staff has determined a schedule for examination development, please have them contact the Chief Examiner to arrange for a suitable examination outline submittal date for NRC review. The intent is for the examination outline to be submitted early in the examination development process. This is to preclude the need to make significant changes to developed examination material as a result of the NRC review of the outline. Mr. Hironori Peterson has been tentatively assigned as the Chief Examiner and can be reached at 630-829-9707.

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 Mr. Dell R. McNeil of my staff at 630-829-9737.

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cc D. Hells
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April 3, 2000

Del McNeil
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Dear Mr. McNeil:

This letter is to request a change in the currently scheduled September 9-20, 2002 license exam at Prairie Island. If possible, we would like to move the date of the exam up to no earlier than the week of August 5, 2002, with an exam prep week two weeks earlier. If it is not possible to move the exam up from the current date, please retain the date as scheduled.

Prairie Island expects this class to consist of six Reactor Operators, two SRO upgrades and one SRO instant (subject to change).

Prairie Island staff will be preparing the exam in accordance with the NUREG 1021 revision in effect at the time of exam development. We have established instructions and a process to ensure exam security.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 388-1165 extension 4036 or John Kempkes at extension 5031.

Sincerely,

Dennis Westphal
Operations Training Superintendent

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