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NRC-00-0089



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References: Fermi 2
NRC Docket No. 50341
NRC License No. NPF-43

Subject: Initial License Operator Examination Dates

This letter is to inform you that Fermi 2 has set the dates for its next two (2) Initial Licensed Operator training classes.

In a phone conversation between Mr. Kirk Snyder, Fermi 2 Operations Training Supervisor, and Dell McNeil, we requested that the NRC conduct an Initial License Examination on the following dates:

- Examination preparation week: February 24, 2003
- Examination administration weeks: March 17 & March 24, 2003

Current plans are to have six (6) reactor operator candidates, four (4) upgrade senior reactor operator candidates, and two (2) instant senior reactor operator candidates participate in the exam.

In addition to the March 2003 examination dates, we request that the NRC schedule an additional Initial Licensed Operator Examination on the following dates:

- Examination preparation week: August 24, 2004
- Examination administration weeks: September 13 & September 20, 2004

If you have any questions in this matter please contact Mr. Kirk Snyder at (734) 586-4896.

Sincerely,

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- References: 1) Fermi 2
NRC Docket No. 50-341
NRC License No. NPF-43
- 2) Detroit Edison letter to NRC (NRC-00-0089),
Initial License Operator Examination Dates,
dated October 13, 2000

Subject: Initial License Operator Examination Dates
Revision to NRC-00-0089

This letter is to request a change in the Initial License Operator Examination dates provided in NRC letter 00-0089 dated October 13, 2000 for Fermi 2. Following are the original dates requested:

- Examination preparation week: February 24, 2003
- Examination administration weeks: March 17 & March 24, 2003

We are requesting the examination preparation and administration weeks for the above be changed to:

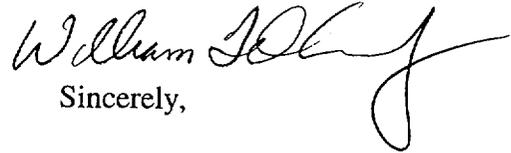
- Examination preparation week: February 17, 2003
- Examination administration weeks: March 10 & March 17, 2003

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This change is requested due to the change in the start date of the Fermi Refueling Outage 09 from April 18, 2003 to March 28, 2003.

If you have any questions in this matter please contact Mr. Kirk Snyder at (734) 586-4896.


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Reference: Fermi 2
NRC Docket No. 50-341
NRC License No. NPF-43

Subject: Initial License Operator Examination Dates

This letter is in response to NRC RIS 2001-17 dated August 22, 2001. Fermi 2 has set the dates for its next two (2) Initial Licensed Operator training classes (see attached NRC Form 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data). These dates have been tentatively agreed upon with Region III.

If you have any questions in this matter please contact Mr. Kirk Snyder at (734) 586-4896.

Sincerely,

Attachment

cc: T. J. Kim
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**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 e-mail 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.

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY_2002	CY_2003	CY_2004	CY_2005
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	1	0
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	6	6	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	4	3	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	3	3	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	0	3/10-3/21	9/13-9/24	0
ALTERNATE DATE	0	3/3-3/14	9/6-9/17	0

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY_2002			CY_2003		
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	9	0	0	0	9

February 18, 2002

Mr. William O'Connor, Jr.
Vice President
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Detroit Edison Company
6400 North Dixie Highway
Newport, MI 48166

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

In response to your facility management letter dated September 4, 2001, and as augmented by discussions with Roy Duke of your staff on January 24, 2002, we have tentatively scheduled an initial licensing examination for your operator license applicants at the Fermi Power Plant during the weeks of March 10 and March 17, 2003. Validation of the examination will occur at the station during the week of February 10, 2003. 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 stated in your letter, your staff will develop the examination. To support the examination administration date, we have tentatively scheduled the date of January 27, 2003, to begin our review of your submitted examination.

Your letter indicated you are training approximately 13 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.

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. Del R. McNeil has been tentatively assigned as the Chief Examiner and can be reached at 630-829-9737.

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 Michael E. Bielby of my staff at 630-829-9762.

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Sincerely,



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Subject: Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

Attached is a completed NRC Form 536 for the Fermi 2 station. This form is being submitted in response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2002-09 "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations".

A change of examination dates is being requested for CY 2004. Due to outage scheduling, we are requesting that our CY 2004 alternate dates become our primary dates, and the primary dates become the alternate. This would move our examination date to a period two (2) weeks sooner than previously requested. Your consideration in this matter would be appreciated.

If you have any questions in this matter please contact Mr. Greg Strobel, General Supervisor, Operations Training, at (734) 586-4067.

Sincerely,

William T. O'Connor, Jr.

Attachment

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE				
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2003</u>	CY <u>2004</u>	CY <u>2005</u>	CY <u>2006</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS				
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2003</u>	CY <u>2004</u>	CY <u>2005</u>	CY <u>2006</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	6	0	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	3	2	0	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	4	0	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	3/10 - 3/17 Scheduled	8/30-9/10		2/06 - 2/13
ALTERNATE DATE		9/13-9/24		2/20 - 2/27

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE						
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2003</u>			CY <u>2004</u>		
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	8	0	0	0



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION III
801 WARRENVILLE ROAD
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November 25, 2002

Mr. William O'Connor, Jr.
Vice President
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Detroit Edison Company
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Newport, MI 48166

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

In a telephone conversation on November 13, 2002, between Mr. S. Bollinger and Mr. D. McNeil, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Fermi 2 Nuclear Power Plant the weeks of March 10 and March 17, 2003. In addition, the NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of February 10, 2003.

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, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by December 16, 2002. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by January 27, 2003. 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

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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.

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 3150-0018, which expires on April 30, 2003.

The public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 500 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, writing the examinations, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments on any aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Information and Records Management Branch (T-6 F33), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV; and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0018), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Bollinger 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 630-829-9631.

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Mr. Keith Walton
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Dear Mr. Walton:

Enclosed please find the following examination materials submitted to the NRC in preparation for the upcoming Fermi-2 initial license examination scheduled to occur during the week of March 10, 2003:

- Modified examination outlines (modified during the examination development process)
- 125 written examination items (25 specific to Senior Reactor Operators, 25 specific to Reactor Operators, and 75 common) and associated developmental references
- Ten plant system related Job Performance Measures
- Administrative topic evaluation items
- Two (2) simulator scenarios.
- Appropriate quality verification checklists from Revision 8, Supplement 1 of NUREG 1021
- A complete set of Fermi-2 EOP flow charts

The examination materials were developed using the appropriate guidance contained in Revision 8, Supplement 1 of NUREG 1021. These materials shall be withheld from public disclosure until after the examinations are complete.

We look forward to working with you and your examination team during the examination development and administration process. If you have any questions or comments regarding the contents of the items listed above please contact Mr. Greg Strobel at 734-586-4067.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure