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AND HOLDERS OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

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2. Plants without simulators may be granted waivers of the two-week allowance in scheduling simulator and plant examinations on a case-by-case basis, providing sufficient justification exists.
3. Applicants for a senior license, who hold a valid operator's license, will be required to take a simulator exam.
4. Simulators used for an examination must be NSSS specific.

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