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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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TO ALL POWER REACTOR LICENSEES AND APPLICANTS FOR AN OPERATING LICENSE

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF THE NRC OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION
QUESTION BANK (Generic Letter 87-01)

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has developed the NRC Operator Licensing Examination Question Bank (EQB) to be used by examiners for the construction and storage of operator examination questions for Reactor Operators (RO) and Senior Reactor Operators (SRO). The data base and the mainframe computer on which it resides is located at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and is maintained under contract to the NRC by INEL.

The data is in the form of questions, answers and references and is being made available on request. All information requested can be transferred either on magnetic tape or paper computer printout. Although active on-line access is not permitted, an off-line procedure to request specific information from the EQB is enclosed. Costs in providing this information are normally charged to the requestor unless provisions of the Freedom of Information Act that provide for public access to information are invoked.

Requestors of information should be aware that the information provided will be current only at the time it is requested, since updates and changes occur frequently.

In addition to utility use in preparing for future NRC examinations, this information is being provided to requestors to allow checks of accuracy in the EQB and to evaluate the bank to ensure the information is correct. New questions and revisions of current EQB questions will be accepted and considered for EQB updating. Proposed changes should be based upon facility job/task analyses and RO/SRO training program learning objectives. Requested changes are to be submitted to the Operator Licensing Branch, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

We hope that making this exchange of information available will improve the quality of NRC examinations and provide information to interested persons on the scope of the NRC written examination. A complete listout of current

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questions on the database is being provided periodically to the Main Public Document Reading Room at the NRC Headquarters in Washington, DC. Each nuclear power utility's Local Public Document Reading Room will receive a listout of current questions only for that utility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H.R. Denton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure:
As stated

PROCEDURE TO REQUEST INFORMATION

- A. To request information from the EQB, the requestor will address the request in a letter to:

Mr. A. J. Vinnola
EQB Program/Technical Monitor
EG&G Idaho Inc.
Idaho Falls, ID 83415

with a copy to:

Mr. Anthony J. Mendiola
Operator Licensing Branch
AR 5221
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

State the following information in the letter:

- (1) Requestor's name and address
- (2) Reason for the request
- (3) Type of output desired - either magnetic tape, computer printout, or 5- $\frac{1}{4}$ " diskette

Describe the information requested by addressing the following:

- (1) Facility/plant or reactor type desired
- (2) Level of exam (RO/SRO)
- (3) Range of examination dates
- (4) Approximate number of questions desired

State method of reimbursement for the cost of providing the information, plus a cost ceiling, if any.

- B. To request EQB information from the Main or Local Public Document Reading Rooms, follow the normal procedures for information requests described in 10 CFR Part 9.7. Be aware that the information at the Reading Rooms are in computer paper printout only and are many pages long.
- C. To submit new and/or updated questions to the EQB, send the information to Mr. Anthony Mendiola at the address above. The information should be on paper and be of the current EQB format to expedite its addition to the EQB. Specific items that need to be addressed are:
- (1) Facility or utility
 - (2) Question level (RO/SRO)
 - (3) Specific item to change or add

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GL 86-08	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLEMENT 4 TO NUREG-0933, "A PRIORITIZATION OF GENERIC SAFETY ISSUES"	03/25/86	ALL LICENSEES, APPLICANTS AND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT HOLDERS

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