



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

July 6, 1989

TO: ALL POWER REACTOR LICENSEES AND APPLICANTS FOR AN  
OPERATING LICENSE

SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS (GENERIC LETTER 89-12)

Generic Letter (GL) 89-03, dated March 24, 1989, promulgated the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) national examination schedule. It assigned each facility two examination dates during the fiscal year based, to the extent possible, upon the examination estimates reported in response to GL 88-13, dated August 8, 1988. It encouraged facilities to target the assigned examination dates in fiscal year 1990, which begins on October 1, 1989, but acknowledged that some deviation from the promulgated schedule would be accommodated to facilitate incremental training schedule revisions. Beginning in fiscal year 1991 (October 1, 1990), replacement examinations will not be rescheduled but deferred until the next regularly scheduled site visit.

To plan its resources for fiscal years 1990 through 1993, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) requires your input to update the number of candidates you provided in response to GL 88-13. On the proposed format provided as Enclosure 1, please provide your best estimate of the anticipated number of candidates to be examined during each site visit assigned to you in Generic Letter 89-03. Also, please provide the dates for your scheduled requalification examinations during the same fiscal years in the proposed format provided as Enclosure 2. Your schedules, to be voluntarily submitted on the enclosed suggested formats, should be returned to Mr. Kenneth E. Perkins, Jr., Chief, Operator Licensing Branch, OWFN-10D-18, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, with a courtesy copy to the appropriate Regional Administrator, by September 1, 1989.

Bear in mind that 10 CFR 55.45 (b)(2)(iv) prohibits the simulation facility portion of the operating test from being administered on other than a certified or an approved simulation facility after May 26, 1991. In anticipation of that deadline, NRR requires your best estimate of the dates on which you expect to certify and/or apply for NRC approval of your simulation facility(ies). A space has been provided for this purpose on the Proposed Operator Licensing Schedule Format, Enclosure 1.

The NRC regional offices, through direct liaison with your training managers, will confirm your examination requests. As stated in GL 89-03, the regional offices will continue to schedule NRC requalification examinations on a case-by-case basis until NRR reconciles the differences between the requalification and replacement examination methodologies in order to allow the concurrent administration of both examinations.

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We appreciate your assistance in this matter and invite you to address any questions concerning this generic letter to Mr. Perkins at (301) 492-1031.

Sincerely,



James G. Partlow, Associate Director  
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Schedule Format
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PROPOSED OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FORMAT

Facility _____	NRC Region _____			
	FY 1990 (10/1/89-9/30/90)	FY 1991 (10/1/90-9/30/91)	FY 1992 (10/1/91-9/30/92)	FY 1993 (10/1/92-9/30/93)
1. Assigned Date (GL 89-03) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#RO _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#SRO Instant _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#SRO Upgrade _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#SRO Limited _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Assigned Date (GL 89-03) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#RO _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#SRO Instant _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#SRO Upgrade _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#SRO Limited _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please indicate initial cold license examinations by placing an asterisk (\*) by the date. Please indicate examinations intended to extend an operator's license to a second or subsequent unit with two asterisks (\*\*). (For example, if Unit 1 is in operation and Unit 2 is approaching fuel load, and three RO candidates with no previous license are to be examined on both Units 1 and 2, and five RO candidates licensed on Unit 1 are to be examined to extend their licenses to Unit 2, then indicate "RO 3,5\*\*.")

PROPOSED REQUALIFICATION EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FORMAT

Facility \_\_\_\_\_ NRC Region \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Simulation Facility Certification/Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

	FY 1990 (10/1/89-9/30/90)	FY 1991 (10/1/90-9/30/91)	FY 1992 (10/1/91-9/30/92)	FY 1993 (10/1/92-9/30/93)
1.	Date _____	Date _____	Date _____	Date _____
2.	Date _____	Date _____	Date _____	Date _____
3.	Date _____	Date _____	Date _____	Date _____
4.	Date _____	Date _____	Date _____	Date _____
5.	Date _____	Date _____	Date _____	Date _____

## LIST OF RECENTLY ISSUED GENERIC LETTERS

Generic Letter No.	Subject	Date of Issuance	Issued To
89-12	GENERIC LETTER 89-12: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS	7/6/89	LICENSE TO ALL POWER REACTORS BWRs, PWRs, AND VENDORS IN ADDITION TO GENERAL CODES APPLICABLE TO GENERIC LETTERS
89-11	GENERIC LETTER 89-11: RESOLUTION OF GENERIC ISSUE 101 "BOILING WATER REACTOR WATER LEVEL REDUNDANCY"	6/30/89	ALL BWR PLANTS & ALL LISTINGS APPLICABLE TO GENERIC LETTERS & VENDORS, ETC.
89-10	GENERIC LETTER 89-10: SAFETY-RELATED MOTOR-OPERATED VALVE TESTING AND SURVEILLANCE	6/28/89	LICENSEES TO ALL POWER REACTORS, BWRs, PWRs, AND VENDORS IN ADDITION TO GENERAL CODES APPLICABLE TO GENERIC LETTERS
89-09	ASME SECTION III COMPONENT REPLACEMENTS	5/8/89	ALL HOLDERS OF LIGHT WATER REACTOR OPERATING LICENSES
89-08	ISSUANCE OF GENERIC LETTER 89-08: EROSION/CORROSION - INDUCED PIPE WALL THINNING - 10 CFR §50.54(f)	5/2/89	LICENSEES TO ALL POWER REACTORS, BWRs, PWRs, AND VENDORS IN ADDITION TO GENERAL CODES APPLICABLE TO GENERIC LETTERS
89-07	GENERIC LETTER 89-07, POWER REACTOR SAFEGUARDS CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR SURFACE VEHICLE BOMBS	4/28/89	LICENSEES TO ALL BWRs, PWRs, AND VENDORS IN ADDITION TO GENERAL CODES APPLICABLE TO GENERIC LETTERS
89-06	TASK ACTION PLAN ITEM I.D.2 - SAFETY PARAMETER DISPLAY SYSTEM - 10 CFR §50.54(f)	4/12/89	LICENSEES OF ALL POWER REACTORS, BWRs, PWRs, HTGR, AND NSSS VENDORS IN ADDITION TO GENERAL CODES APPLICABLE TO GENERIC LETTERS