

March 4, 2004

Mr. Christopher M. Crane
President and Chief Nuclear Officer
Exelon Nuclear
Exelon Generation Company, LLC
4300 Winfield Road
Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT: BYRON STATION
CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

Dear Mr. Crane:

In a letter dated September 26, 2003, your staff responded to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2003-14, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," for all Exelon Nuclear Stations. This letter responds to the request for initial license examinations at Byron Station, Units 1 and 2.

Initial license examinations were requested during the week of October 31, 2005, and during the week of November 5, 2007. The examination requested for October 31, 2005, has been scheduled and a chief examiner assigned to that examination. The examination requested for November 2007 will be scheduled as we approach that date.

On-site validation of the examinations will occur at Byron Station approximately 3 weeks before the examination administration date. 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 examinations at a mutually acceptable date.

As indicated in your RIS response letter, your staff will develop the examinations. Your letter also indicated that you are training 18 candidates for each of the examinations which requires two weeks to complete the examination. Please inform us if the number of candidates decreases below 10 as this will impact the examination schedule.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the initial examination informing them of the chief examiner's name. The letter will also outline examination security expectations, list the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirm the examination dates, and reconfirm the number of candidates you have in the training program. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mr. H. Peterson of my staff at 630-829-9707.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

/RA/

Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-454; 50-455
License Nos. NPF-37; NPF-66

cc: Site Vice President - Byron
Byron Station Plant Manager
Regulatory Assurance Manager - Byron
Chief Operating Officer
Senior Vice President - Nuclear Services
Vice President - Mid-West Operations Support
Vice President - Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Director Licensing
Manager Licensing - Braidwood and Byron
Senior Counsel, Nuclear
Document Control Desk - Licensing
M. Aguilar, Assistant Attorney General
Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety
State Liaison Officer
State Liaison Officer, State of Wisconsin
Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission
Training Manager

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

/RA/

Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-454; 50-455
License Nos. NPF-37; NPF-66

- cc: Site Vice President - Byron
- Byron Station Plant Manager
- Regulatory Assurance Manager - Byron
- Chief Operating Officer
- Senior Vice President - Nuclear Services
- Vice President - Mid-West Operations Support
- Vice President - Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
- Director Licensing
- Manager Licensing - Braidwood and Byron
- Senior Counsel, Nuclear
- Document Control Desk - Licensing
- M. Aguilar, Assistant Attorney General
- Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety
- State Liaison Officer
- State Liaison Officer, State of Wisconsin
- Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission
- Training Manager

DOCUMENT NAME: G:\DRS\ML040650724.wpd

To receive a copy of this document, indicate in the box "C" = Copy w/o attach/encl "E" = Copy with attach/encl "N" = No copy

OFFICE	RIII:DRS		RIII:DRS		RIII:DRS		
NAME	MABies:sd		HPeterson		RDLanksbury		
DATE	2/24/04		11/24/03		03/04/04		

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

ADAMS Distribution:

AJM

DFT

GFD

DCT

RidsNrrDipmlipb

GEG

HBC

RAS

DRPIII

DRSIII

PLB1

JRK1

M. A. Bies (concurrence copy)