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FOR THE BRAIDWOOD INITIAL EXAMINATION - JULY 2004

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Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-72 and NPF-77
NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-456 and STN 50-457

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NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-454 and STN 50-455

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Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-29 and DPR-30
NRC Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265

Subject: Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-17, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-17, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated August 22, 2001

This letter provides our voluntary response to the request for information contained in the referenced Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS). The NRC requested that a voluntary response to the RIS be submitted within 30 days of receipt of the RIS. We received RIS 2001-17 on August 22, 2001; accordingly, we are submitting our response by September 21, 2001.

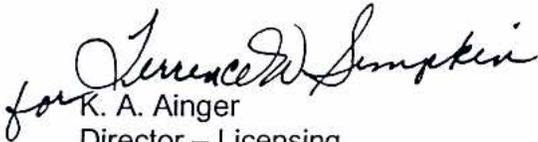
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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact J. A. Bauer at (630) 657-2801.

Respectfully,


for K. A. Ainger

Director – Licensing
Mid-West Regional Operating Group

Attachment

cc: Regional Administrator – NRC Region III
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Braidwood Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Byron Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Clinton Power Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Dresden Nuclear Power Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – LaSalle County Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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FACILITY Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2 Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-72 and NPF-77 NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-456 and STN 50-457	NRC REGION III
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	5	0	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	5	5	0	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	0	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	07/8/02	11/10/03	N/A	05/01/05
ALTERNATE DATE	07/22/02	12/01/03	N/A	06/01/05

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>			CY <u>03</u>		
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	10	0	0

November 30, 2001

Mr. J. von Suskil
Site Vice President
Braidwood Station
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SUBJECT: CALENDAR YEAR 2003 SCHEDULING OF NRC REGION III LICENSED
OPERATOR EXAMINATIONS

Dear Mr. von Suskil:

The purpose of this letter is to enlist your support in the scheduling of calendar year 2003 initial licensed operator examinations in NRC Region III. The enclosure of this letter lists requests received from Region III facility licensees for licensed operator examinations for that calendar year. A large number of those examination requests fall within the months of September through December 2003. In addition, Region III facility licensees have provided us with projected dates during which they would expect to conduct licensed operator requalification examinations during that year. This information indicates that the NRC operator licensing staff would need to conduct six of the eight calendar year 2003 Region III licensed operator requalification baseline inspections during those same months. Consequently, the projected workload for the Region III operator licensing examiners during the final quarter of calendar year 2003 will be difficult to accomplish.

We have contacted the other NRC regional and headquarters offices to ascertain the availability of qualified examiners from outside Region III. Based on current projections, we can accommodate the majority of the exams near the requested dates, but will have to schedule several exams approximately two months prior to or beyond the requested quarter. Before we finalize the calendar year 2003 exam dates, we want to provide you the opportunity to re-evaluate your training and examination schedule and determine whether you can realign your request to outside the fourth calendar quarter of 2003. Please contact us to revise or reaffirm your request by calling Mr. David Hills (630-829-9733) of my staff within fifteen days of the date of this letter. We will proceed with scheduling the calendar year 2003 examinations after December 15, 2001.

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Sincerely,

John A. Grobe, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-456; 50-457
License Nos. NPF-72; NPF-77

Enclosure: List of 2003 Examinations Requested

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LIST OF 2003 EXAMINATIONS REQUESTED

AS OF NOVEMBER 26, 2001

<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>PRIMARY DATE</u>	<u>SECONDARY DATE</u>
PERRY	JAN 2 - FEB 7, 2003 (Scheduled)	
FERMI	MAR 10 - 21, 2003	MAR 3 - 14, 2003
PRAIRIE ISLAND	MAR 25, 2003	
PALISADES	APR 14 - 25, 2003	
LASALLE	MAY 19 - 30, 2003 (but NOT Apr 2003)	JUN 2003
DRESDEN	JUN 2 - 13, 2003	JUN 9 - 20, 2003
DAVIS-BESSE	JUN 2003	JUL 2003
PRAIRIE ISLAND	SEP 21, 2003	SEP 28, 2003
KEWAUNEE	SEP 2003	OCT 2003
MONTICELLO	SEP 2003	OCT 2003
POINT BEACH	SEP 2003	OCT 2003
BYRON	OCT 27 - NOV 7, 2003	NOV 10 - 21, 2003
QUAD CITIES	NOV 3 - 14, 2003	OCT 27 - NOV 7, 2003
BRAIDWOOD	NOV 10 - 21, 2003	DEC 1 - 12, 2003
CLINTON	NOV 10 - 21, 2003	DEC 8 - 19, 2003
D. C. COOK	MID-NOV TO MID-DEC 2003	

NOTE: DUANE ARNOLD HAS NOT REQUESTED AN EXAM IN 2003.

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NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-456 and STN 50-457

Subject: Operator Licensing Examination Dates for the year 2004 for Braidwood Station

Reference: Letter from K. A. Ainger (Exelon) to NRC Document Control Desk, "Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-17, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated September 21, 2001

The reference document proposed Initial Operator Licensing Examination dates for the year 2003 as November 10 through November 21, 2003. Braidwood Station is requesting a change from those dates to the weeks of February 23 and March 1, 2004. Also, we understand that with this schedule change, the NRC will be at Braidwood Station the week of January 26, 2004 for onsite validation of the exam material.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this schedule change request, please contact Amy Ferko, Regulatory Assurance Manager, at (815) 417-2699.

Respectfully,


James D. von Suskil
Site Vice President
Braidwood Station

cc: Regional Administrator, NRC Region III
NRC Senior Resident Inspector - Braidwood Station

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February 12, 2002

Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley, President
Exelon Nuclear
Exelon Generation Company, LLC
4300 Winfield Road
Warrenville, IL 60555

Dear Kingsley:

In response to your facility management letter dated September 21, 2001, and as augmented by discussions with Amy Fergo and Jeff Bailey of your staff on January 23, 2002, we have tentatively scheduled an initial licensing examination for your operator license applicants at the Braidwood Station during the weeks of February 16 and February 23, 2004. Validation of the examination will occur at the station during the week of January 26, 2004. 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 12, 2004, to begin our review of your submitted examination.

Your letter indicated you are training approximately 10 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. Dell 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 Hironori Peterson of my staff at 630-829-9707.

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Sincerely,



David E. Hills, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-456; 50-457
License Nos. NPF-72; NPF-77

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- K. Ainger, Director - Licensing
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March 11, 2002

Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley, President
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Dear Kingsley:

In response to your facility management letter dated February 1, 2002, and as augmented by discussions with Mr. Paul Hipley of your staff on February 22, 2002, we have tentatively scheduled an initial licensing examination for your operator license applicants at the Braidwood Station during the weeks of February 23, 2004, and March 01, 2004. Validation of the examination will occur at the station during the week of January 26, 2004. 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.

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NRC Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265

Subject: Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2002-09, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2002-09, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated June 6, 2002

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July 18, 2002
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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact Mr. Brian Sweeney at (630) 657-2836.

Respectfully,



Patrick R. Simpson
Manager – Licensing, Dresden and Quad Cities Nuclear Power Stations
Mid-West Regional Operating Group

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PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>	CY <u>06</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	1	0
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>	CY <u>06</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	6	6	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	0	5	8	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	0	1	0	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	N/A	02/23/04 – 03/01/04	09/12/05 – 09/19/05	N/A
ALTERNATE DATE	N/A	03/01/04 – 03/08/04	09/19/05 – 09/26/05	N/A

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>03</u>			CY <u>04</u>		
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	12	0	0	0	0	14

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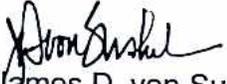
Subject: Operator Licensing Examination Dates for the year 2004 for Braidwood Station

Reference: Letter from J. D. von Suskil (Exelon) to NRC Document Control Desk, "Operator Licensing Examination Dates for the Year 2004 for Braidwood Station," dated February 1, 2002

The referenced letter proposed Initial Operator Licensing Examination dates for the weeks of February 23 and March 1, 2004. Due to a schedule change for the start date of the next Initial Operator Licensing class, we are requesting that the examination dates be changed to July 6 through July 16, 2004.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this schedule change request, please contact Amy Ferko, Regulatory Assurance Manager, at (815) 417-2699.

Respectfully,


James D. von Suskil
Site Vice President
Braidwood Station

cc: Regional Administrator, NRC Region III
NRC Senior Resident Inspector - Braidwood Station

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REGION III
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October 2, 2002

Mr. John L. Skolds, President
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Dear Mr. Skolds:

In response to your facility management letter dated August 23, 2002, and as augmented by discussions with Paul Hippely, Initial Licensee Group Lead of your staff on September 26, 2002, we have tentatively scheduled an initial licensing examination for your operator license applicants at the Braidwood Station during the weeks of July 5 and July 12, 2004. Validation of the examination will occur at the station during the week of June 14, 2004. 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 and agreed upon in a telephone conversation on September 26, 2002, your staff will develop the examination. To support the examination administration date, we have tentatively scheduled the date of May 17, 2004, to begin our review of your submitted examination.

Your letter dated July 18, 2002, indicated you are training approximately 12 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. Dell R. McNeil has been tentatively assigned as the Chief Examiner and can be reached at 630-829-9737.

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Sincerely,

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David L. Pelton, Acting Branch Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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- Braidwood Station Plant Manager
- Regulatory Assurance Manager - Braidwood
- Chief Operating Officer
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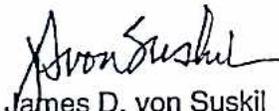
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Reference: Letter from J. D. von Suskil (Exelon) to NRC Document Control Desk, "Operator Licensing Examination Dates for the Year 2004 for Braidwood Station," dated August 23, 2002

The referenced letter requested Initial Operator Licensing Examination dates of July 6 through July 16, 2004. Due to the small class size, we are requesting that the examination period be reduced to the week of July 12 only.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this schedule change request, please contact Scott Butler, Acting Regulatory Assurance Manager, at (815) 417-3540.

Respectfully,



James D. von Suskil
Site Vice President
Braidwood Station

cc: Regional Administrator, NRC Region III
NRC Senior Resident Inspector - Braidwood Station

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May 6, 2003

Mr. John L. Skolds, President
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Exelon Generation Company, LLC
4300 Winfield Road
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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN BRAIDWOOD STATION INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION

Dear Mr. Skolds:

We have received your letter (BW030018) dated March 7, 2003, where you requested that we change the initial examination scheduled for the Braidwood Station from July 6 through July 16, 2004, to the week of July 12, 2004, due to the small class size. We have changed our schedule to reflect your request. The on-site examination validation week scheduled for the week of June 14, 2004, remains in effect.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this schedule change please contact me at (630) 829-9631 or Mr. Dell McNeil of my staff at (630) 829-9737. We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this schedule change.

Sincerely,

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Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief
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July 16, 2003

Mr. John L. Skolds, President
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Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL/REQUALIFICATION OPERATOR LICENSE
EXAMINATIONS: BRAIDWOOD STATION

Dear Mr. Skolds:

In a letter dated August 23, 2002, (RS-02-123) your staff requested we schedule an initial license operator examination in July 2004. In a subsequent telephone conversation on June 19, 2003, between Mr. D. McNeil of my staff and Mr. D. Myers, Braidwood Training Director, the requested examination was tentatively scheduled to occur during the week of July 12, 2004. On-site validation of the examination will occur at the station approximately 3 weeks before the examination administration. 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. Mr. Myers indicated that you are training approximately five candidates for the examination. Mr. Myers confirmed that the week of August 25, 2003, scheduled for the biennial requalification program inspection (IP 71111.11B), was still within the anticipated requalification examination administration cycle. Please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled dates for either of the examinations.

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.

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NRC Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374

Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-39 and NPF-85
NRC Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353

Oyster Creek Generating Station
Facility Operating License No. DPR-16
NRC Docket No. 50-219

Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-44 and DPR-56
NRC Docket Nos. 50-277 and 50-278

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1
Facility Operating License No. DPR-50
NRC Docket No. 50-289

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Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-29 and DPR-30
NRC Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265

Subject: Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2003-14
"Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2003-14, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated August 27, 2003.

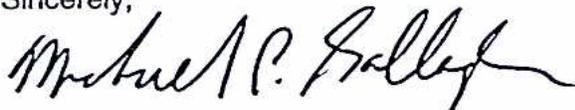
In the Reference letter, the NRC requested licensees to voluntarily submit a response concerning initial operator licensing examination needs, including an estimate of the number of applicants to be examined and intentions regarding the preparation of the examinations.

Attachments 1 through 10 provide the responses to RIS 2003-14 for the Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) and AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen) plants identified above. The operator licensing examination information for each facility is provided on a separate NRC Form 536.

During Calendar Year CY 2005, a total of 6 candidates are expected to take the dual site Limited Senior Reactor Operator (LSRO) initial license examination as indicated in Attachment 6. The schedule for the indicated exam is as follows: the written exam and part of the operating exam will be given at Limerick Generating Station (LGS); the remainder of the operating exam will be completed at Peach bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS). Since the LSRO exam is a dual site exam that involves both LGS and PBAPS, rather than repeating the same information on both attachments, the exam scheduling information is provided on Attachment 6 for LGS only and Attachment 8 for PBAPS references Attachment 6.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Gallagher
Director, Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
Exelon Generation Company, LLC
AmerGen Energy Company, LLC

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Completed NRC Form 536 for Braidwood Station
- Attachment 2 – Completed NRC Form 536 for Byron Station
- Attachment 3 – Completed NRC Form 536 for Clinton Power Station
- Attachment 4 – Completed NRC Form 536 for Dresden Nuclear Power Station
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- Attachment 6 – Completed NRC Form 536 for Limerick Generating Station
- Attachment 7 – Completed NRC Form 536 for Oyster Creek Generating Station
- Attachment 8 – Completed NRC Form 536 for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station
- Attachment 9 – Completed NRC Form 536 for Three Mile Island Nuclear Station – Unit 1
- Attachment 10 – Completed NRC Form 536 for Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2004	CY 2005	CY 2006	CY 2007
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 2004	CY 2005	CY 2006	CY 2007
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	2	0	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	3	6	0	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	1	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	7/12/04 – 7/16/04	9/6/05 – 9/12/05	N/A	2/19/07 – 3/2/07
ALTERNATE DATE	7/6/04 – 7/12/04	9/12/05 – 9/16/05	N/A	2/26/07 – 3/9/07

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2004				CY 2005			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0



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March 4, 2004

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

SUBJECT: BRAIDWOOD STATION
CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

Dear Mr. Skolds:

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 Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2.

Initial license examinations were requested during the week of July 12, 2004, during the weeks of September 5 and September 12, 2005, and during the week of February 19, 2007. The examinations requested for calendar years 2004 and 2005 have been scheduled and chief examiners assigned to those examinations. The examination requested for February 2007 will be scheduled as we approach that date.

On-site validation of the examinations will occur at Braidwood 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 less than 10 candidates for each of the examinations. Please inform us if the number of candidates rises above 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.

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March 23, 2004

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Dear Mr. Crane:

In a telephone conversation on March 11, 2004, between Mr. R. Cameron, Senior Training Instructor, and Mr. D. McNeil, Reactor Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Braidwood Station the week of July 12, 2004. In addition, the NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of June 14, 2004.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Draft Revision 9 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 was necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by March 15, 2004, and they were reviewed. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by May 17, 2004. 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 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.

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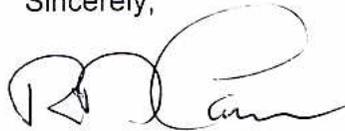
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Cameron has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact D. McNeil at 630-829-9737, or me at 630-829-9631.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Cameron 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 D. McNeil at 630-829-9737, or me at 630-829-9631.

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