

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**

**FOR THE D. C. COOK RETAKE EXAMINATION - AUG 10, 2004**

cc: R. Zentgraf  
D. McNeil



July 19, 2004

AEP:NRC:2574-62  
10 CFR 55.31(a)(3)

Docket Nos.: 50-315  
50-316

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
ATTN: Licensing Branch Chief, Region III  
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Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2  
REQUEST FOR INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION SUPPORT

Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M), the licensee for Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, is requesting Initial License Examination support by Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Region III personnel in August 2004. This support is needed to write and administer one senior reactor operator upgrade re-take examination.

During conversations held between Mr. Dell McNeil and Mr. Michael Bielby (NRC Region III), and Mr. Ronald Sieber and Mr. Ivan Fleetwood (I&M), it was determined that the development of the re-take examination would require writing the NUREG-1021, Revision 8, Supplement 1, Category A, "Administrative Topics," portion of the examination. It is our understanding that Region III staff has agreed to write the applicable section of the examination.

The examination is to be validated and administered the week of August 9, 2004.

There are no new commitments identified in this submittal.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ronald J. Sieber, Operations Training Manager, at (269) 466-3407.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Finissl  
Plant Manager

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July 21, 2004

Mr. M. Nazar  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Nuclear Officer  
Nuclear Generation Group  
American Electric Power Company  
500 Circle Drive  
Buchanan, MI 49107

SUBJECT: DONALD C. COOK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2  
SCHEDULING OF AN INITIAL LICENSE RE-TAKE EXAMINATION

Dear Mr. Nazar:

In a letter dated July 19, 2004, (AEP:NRC:2574-62) your staff requested the NRC develop and administer a senior reactor operator upgrade re-take examination for an applicant that failed the initial operator license examination administered in March 2004, at the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 and 2. In a telephone conversation on July 20, 2004, between Mr. I. Fleetwood, Initial License Training Lead, and Mr. D. McNeil, Reactor Engineer, arrangements were finalized for the development and administration of the requested re-take examination. On August 10, 2004, the applicant will be re-examined at the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant training building. The re-take examination will cover Category A, "Administrative Topics," of the operating test.

Per your request, the NRC will prepare the re-take examination based on the guidelines in Revision 8, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the proposed examination immediately prior to administration of the examination. In the unlikely event that significant changes are required for the examination to be valid due to plant administrative procedure revisions, the examination will be updated and administered on August 11, 2004.

To meet the above schedule, it was necessary for your staff to furnish the plant's operations administrative procedures during the week of July 19, 2004. Arrangements were made to send the procedures by e-mail to the NRC examiner that will develop the examination.

Appendix E of NUREG 1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the re-take examination is being administered.

A signed application certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the examination date. The application should include a request for waivers for all parts of the examination the applicant passed on the first license examination. Those waivers will be granted upon receipt of the application. If you are unable to provide the final

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application with waiver requests on July 27, 2004, Mr. Fleetwood has been advised concerning possible alternatives to this date.

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

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 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 the 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Lanksbury', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE

FROM: Dell R. McNeil, Reactor Engineer *Dell R. McNeil* 8/11/04

SUBJECT: OPERATING TEST COMMENTS FOR DC COOK RETAKE TEST (8/10/04)

There were no facility comments on the proposed retake test which consisted of five administrative job performance measures. The proposed and administered job performance measures were the same. Only one set was submitted to ADAMS.