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FOR THE FERMI INITIAL EXAMINATION - SEPTEMBER 2004

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References: Fermi 2
NRC Docket No. 50341
NRC License No. NPF-43

Subject: Initial License Operator Examination Dates

This letter is to inform you that Fermi 2 has set the dates for its next two (2) Initial Licensed Operator training classes.

In a phone conversation between Mr. Kirk Snyder, Fermi 2 Operations Training Supervisor, and Dell McNeil, we requested that the NRC conduct an Initial License Examination on the following dates:

- Examination preparation week: February 24, 2003
- Examination administration weeks: March 17 & March 24, 2003

Current plans are to have six (6) reactor operator candidates, four (4) upgrade senior reactor operator candidates, and two (2) instant senior reactor operator candidates participate in the exam.

In addition to the March 2003 examination dates, we request that the NRC schedule an additional Initial Licensed Operator Examination on the following dates:

- Examination preparation week: August 24, 2004
- Examination administration weeks: September 13 & September 20, 2004

If you have any questions in this matter please contact Mr. Kirk Snyder at (734) 586-4896.

Sincerely,

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OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA						
FACILITY Fermi 2		NRC REGION Region III				
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE						
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2003</u>	CY <u>2004</u>	CY <u>2005</u>			
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	0			
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0			
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS						
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2003</u>	CY <u>2004</u>	CY <u>2005</u>			
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	6	0			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	3	2	0			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	4	0			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0			
PROPOSED DATES						
PRIMARY DATE	3/10 - 3/17 Scheduled	8/30-9/10	2/06 - 2/13			
ALTERNATE DATE		9/13-9/24	2/20 - 2/27			
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE						
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2003</u>			CY <u>2004</u>		
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	8	0	0	0

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July 10, 2002
NRC-02-0059

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington D C 20555-0001

Reference: Fermi 2
NRC Docket No. 50-341
NRC License No. NPF-43

Subject: Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

Attached is a completed NRC Form 536 for the Fermi 2 station. This form is being submitted in response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2002-09 "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations".

A change of examination dates is being requested for CY 2004. Due to outage scheduling, we are requesting that our CY 2004 alternate dates become our primary dates, and the primary dates become the alternate. This would move our examination date to a period two (2) weeks sooner than previously requested. Your consideration in this matter would be appreciated.

If you have any questions in this matter please contact Mr. Greg Strobel, General Supervisor, Operations Training, at (734) 586-4067.

Sincerely,

William T O'Connor

Attachment

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July 16, 2003

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SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL/REQUALIFICATION OPERATOR LICENSE
EXAMINATIONS

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

In a letter dated July 10, 2002, (NRC-02-0059) your staff requested we schedule an initial license operator examination in August/September 2004. In a subsequent telephone conversation on June 17, 2003, between Mr. D. McNeil of my staff and Mr. A. Mann, Fermi Operations Training Supervisor, the requested examination was tentatively scheduled to occur during the weeks of September 13 and September 20, 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. Your letter indicated that 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. Finally, Mr. Mann confirmed that the week of November 17, 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. M. Bielby of my staff at 630-829-9762.

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May 5, 2004

Mr. William O'Connor, Jr.
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Dear Mr. O'Connor:

In a telephone conversation on April 13, 2004, between Mr. Steve Bollinger and Mr. H. Peterson, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Fermi 2 Nuclear Power Station the weeks of September 13 and September 20, 2004. In addition, the NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of August 23, 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 will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by May 17, 2004. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by August 2, 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.

This letter contains information collections that are subject to the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995* (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). These information collections were approved by the Office of Management and Budget, approval number 3150-0018, which expires on June 30, 2006.

The public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 500 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, writing the examinations, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments on any aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Information and Records Management Branch (T-6 F33), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV; and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0018), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Bollinger 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. C. Phillips at 630-829-9739, or me at 630-829-9631.

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Reference: NRC Correspondence from Roger D. Lanksbury to
William O'Connor, Jr., dated May 5, 2004

Subject: Administration of Licensing Examinations

The attached Examination Outline is provided per Reference in support of the licensing examinations at the Fermi 2 Nuclear Power Plant the week of September 13 and September 20, 2004.

The Examination Outline was prepared using the sampling process described in ES-401 Attachment 1 of Draft Revision 9 of NUREG-1021.

Additionally, find attached Form ES-201-1, "Examination Outline Quality Assurance Checklist," with the facility portion completed.

To maintain examination security and integrity, the examination outlines shall be withheld from public disclosure until after the examinations are complete.

Should you have any questions regarding any aspect of the licensing examinations, please contact Steve Bollinger at (734) 586-4105, or Mike Cadden at (734) 586-4721.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Peterson:

Enclosed please find the following post-examination materials for the Fermi 2 Initial License Examination administered September 20 through September 24, 2004.

- A completed Form ES-403-1 "Written Examination Grading Quality Assurance Checklist" for the SRO and RO written examination.
- Questions asked by and answers given to the candidates during the written examination
- Results of the written exam analysis

These materials are being submitted in accordance with the requirements of Draft Revision 9 of NUREG 1021.

The following materials were provided to you on September 20, 2004:

- The graded written examination (i.e., each applicant's original answer and examination cover sheets) plus a clean copy of each applicant's answer sheet (ES-403)
- The master examinations and answer keys annotated to indicate any changes made while administering and grading the examinations (ES-402). There were no comments on the written examination
- The written examination seating chart (ES-402)

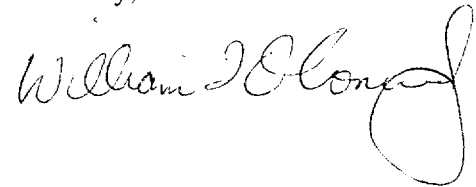
Following a phone call to Dell McNeil on September 28, 2004, it was agreed we would submit the original form ES-201-3, "Examination Security Agreement" as soon as all individuals are available to sign off the agreement.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding the contents of the items listed above please contact Mr. Allen Mann at (734) 586-4067.

Sincerely,

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