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**FOR THE DUANE ARNOLD INITIAL EXAMINATION - JAN/FEB 2005**



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION III  
801 WARRENVILLE ROAD  
LISLE, ILLINOIS 60532-4351

July 16, 2003

Mr. Mark Peifer  
Site Vice-President  
Duane Arnold Energy Center  
Nuclear Management Company, LLC  
3277 DAEC Road  
Palo, IA 52324

**SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL/REQUALIFICATION OPERATOR LICENSE  
EXAMINATIONS**

Dear Mr. Peifer,

In a letter dated July 5, 2002, (NG-02-0533) your staff requested we schedule an initial license operator examination in November 2004. In a subsequent telephone conversation on June 16, 2003, between Mr. D. McNeil of my staff and Mr. C. Kress, DAEC Training Manager, the requested examination was tentatively scheduled to occur during the weeks of January 31, 2005 and February 7, 2005. 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. Kress indicated that you are training approximately 16 candidates for the examination. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below 10 as this will impact the examination schedule. Mr. Kress also indicated there may be a desire to move the examination back to the last week of November 2004 or the first two weeks of December 2004. Finally, Mr. Kress confirmed that the week of November 1, 2004, 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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Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief  
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Subject: Duane Arnold Energy Center  
Docket No: 50-331  
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Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2002-09: "Preparation and  
Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2002-09

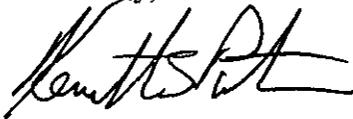
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Per the reference, attached is the requested information regarding the projected examination schedules and applicant estimates for the calendar years 2003 through 2006. The information included does not represent any new NRC commitment.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



Kenneth S. Putnam  
Manager, Licensing

Attachment: NRC Form 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data.

cc: H. Tran  
M. Peifer  
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J. Dyer (Region III)  
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NRC Resident Office – DAEC

NRC FORM 536 <small>(8-2000)</small>	<b>U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION</b>	APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131	EXPRES: 07/31/2002	
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<b>A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE</b>				
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY2003	CY2004	CY2005	CY2006
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0
<b>B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS</b>				
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY2003	CY2004	CY2005	CY2006
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	5	0	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	2	0	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	1	0	1
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES	--	--	--	--
PRIMARY DATE	--	11/15/2004	--	11/13/2006
ALTERNATE DATE	--	11/29/2004	--	11/27/2006
<b>C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAME</b>				<b>EDULE</b>
PROPOSED NUMBER			CY2005	
	FIRST		SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0		0	7

*Per Dell's conversation w/ DAEC on 6-16-03, "double" the nos for 2004 from 8 to 16.*

*cc: R. Lankford  
H. Peterson  
O. Phillips*

September 25, 2003

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RESPONSE TO NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2003-14,  
"PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING OF OPERATOR LICENSING  
EXAMINATIONS"

REFERENCE: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2003-14

Per the reference, enclosed is the requested information regarding the projected examination schedules and applicant estimates for the calendar years 2004 through 2007. This letter contains no new commitments.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Peifer  
DAEC Site Vice-President

Enclosure: NRC Form 536, OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA

cc: Regional Administrator, USNRC, Region III  
Project Manager  
NRC Resident Inspector (DAEC)

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PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2004	CY 2005	CY 2006	CY 2007
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	1	0
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	5	6	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	4	5	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	1	1	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>				
PRIMARY DATE	N/A	01/24/2005-02/04/2005	09/04/2006-09/15/2006	N/A
ALTERNATE DATE	N/A		09/25/2006-10/06/2006	N/A

**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	0	0	0	0	11	0	0



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801 WARRENVILLE ROAD  
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March 2, 2004

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SUBJECT: DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER  
CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

Dear Mr. Peifer:

In a letter dated September 25, 2003, your staff responded to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2003-14, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." An initial license examination was requested for the weeks of January 24, and January 31, 2005, and another initial license examination for the weeks of September 4, and September 11, 2006. Because the number of candidates for the January 2005 examination is currently listed as 10, only one week is required to complete the examination. The examination was scheduled for the week of January 31, 2005. The examination requested for the weeks of September 4 and September 11, 2006, will be scheduled as we approach those dates.

On-site validation of the examinations will occur at Duane Arnold Energy Center approximately 3 weeks before the examination administration date. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examinations 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 12 candidates for the September 2006 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.

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Operations Branch  
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Preparation And Scheduling Of Operator Licensing Examinations

In accordance with the guidance provided in Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2004-10, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," the attached NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data," documents our operator licensing examination data requested by the RIS.

If you have any questions, please call Curt Kress, Manager – Nuclear Training 319-851-7548 or Al Johnson, Training Supervisor - Operations 319-851-7970. This letter contains no new commitments.

Mark A. Peifer  
Site Vice President, Duane Arnold Energy Center  
Nuclear Management Company, LLC

Enclosure

CC: Chief Operator License Branch, Region III with attachment  
NRC Resident Inspector w/a

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1		1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2,005	CY 2,006	CY 2,007	CY 2,008
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	0		5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	4	5		3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	1	1		1
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>				
PRIMARY DATE	01/31/2005	12/04/2006		09/08/2008
ALTERNATE DATE	02/07/2005	12/11/2006		09/15/2008

**C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2005				CY 2007			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			5			8		

*Mark Peifer*



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September 14, 2004

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Palo, IA 52324

Dear Mr. Peifer:

In a telephone conversation on September 7, 2004, between Mr. Curt Kress, Training Manager, and Mr. Hironori Peterson, of my staff, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Duane Arnold Energy Center the week of January 31, 2005. In addition, the NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of January 10, 2005.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in 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 November 1, 2004. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 to ES-201 will be due by December 13, 2004. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations (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, 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. 20503-0001.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Kress 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. H. Peterson at 630-829-9707, or me at 630-829-9631.

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Examination Material for Duane Arnold Energy Center Initial License Examination Week of  
January 31, 2005

In accordance with the guidelines of NUREG 1021, "Operating License Examination Standard for Power Reactors", Revision 9, we are sending you the integrated examination outlines for the initial license examinations to be administered at our facility the week of January 31, 2005.

NUREG 1021 physical security requirements state that the enclosed examination materials shall be withheld from public disclosure until after the examination is complete.

You may direct any questions or comments regarding this material to George Thullen at 319-851-7945 or Kelly Gassman at 319-851-7427.

This letter contains no new commitments.



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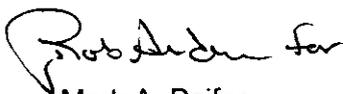
Examination Material for Duane Arnold Energy Center Initial License Examination During Week of January 31, 2005

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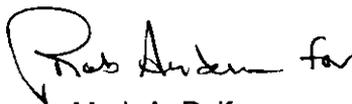
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SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

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The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications in connection with this examination and will separately provide a list of approved applicants to Mr. Curt R. Kress, Manager - Nuclear Training. Note that the examination waiver will be addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject examinations and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examinations in accordance with Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," during the week of February 7, 2005. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of January 31, 2005.

Please contact Mr. Hironori Peterson, at 630-829-9707, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

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 Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the Electronic Reading Room page of the NRC's public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

*JRA*

Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief  
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Sincerely,

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Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief  
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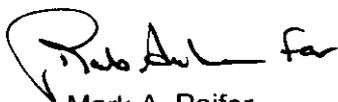
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Duane Arnold Energy Center Initial License Examination

In accordance with the guidelines Examiner Standard ES-501 of NUREG 1021, "Operating License Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, we are providing the Initial Post-Examination material for the initial license examinations that were administered at our facility during the week of January 31, 2005.

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