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Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-445; 50-446
Callaway Plant, Docket No.: 50-483
Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-275; 50-323
Fort Calhoun Station, Docket No.: 50-285
Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Docket No.: 50-416
Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, Docket Nos.: 50-528; 50-529; 50-530
River Bend Station, Docket No.: 50-458
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3, Docket Nos.: 50-361; 50-362
South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-498; 50-499
Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, Docket No.: 50-382
Wolf Creek Generating Station, Docket No.: 50-482

**SUBJECT: GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS SECTION OF THE WRITTEN OPERATOR
LICENSING EXAMINATION**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) plans to administer the generic fundamentals examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination on the following dates during this calendar year:

March 8, 2005
June 7, 2005
September 6, 2005
December 6, 2005

To register personnel to take the GFE, an authorized representative of your facility must submit a letter to Dr. Bruce S. Mallett, Regional Administrator, Region IV, with a copy addressed as follows:

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Your letter should identify the individuals who will take the examination, and it should certify that they are enrolled in a facility licensee-sponsored program leading to NRC operator or senior operator licensing and that they will have completed their fundamentals training by

the date of the examination. The letter should also identify the personnel who will have access to the examinations before they are administered (e.g., proctors) and the address to which the examinations are to be sent. To allow the NRC to assign docket numbers, your letter should be received by both the NRC Regional Administrator and the Chief, Reactor Operations Branch, **30 days before each desired examination date** shown above. A sample registration letter is enclosed.

Copies of the administered GFEs and their answer keys will be available for review in the NRC's Public Document Room approximately 45 days following each examination. The NRC's GFE Web page (which is available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operator-licensing/generic-fundamentals-examinations.html>) will be updated semi-annually, approximately 60 days following the June and December examinations.

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/RA/

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Dear (Name),

(Facility name) requests to have the (number) individuals listed below take the (specify BWR or PWR) generic fundamentals examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination to be administered on (date). All the personnel are enrolled in the (facility name) operator licensing training program and will have completed the generic fundamentals portion of the program by the examination date.

Name Date of Birth Previous Docket No.

(Insert the name, date of birth, and the previous Part 55 Docket Number (if applicable) for each person.)

The following personnel will have access to the examinations before they are administered:

Name Title

(Insert the name and title of each person who will be given access to the examinations before they are administered (e.g., proctors).

The examinations should be sent to the following address:

Name, Title
Address
City, State Zip Code

If you have any questions please contact (facility contact name) at (telephone number).

Sincerely,

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