

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**  
**FOR THE**  
**POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT INITIAL EXAMINATION**  
**JULY 2007**



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

REGION III  
2443 WARRENVILLE ROAD, SUITE 210  
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June 28, 2007

Mr. Dennis L. Koehl  
Site Vice President  
Point Beach Nuclear Plant  
Nuclear Management Company, LLC  
6590 Nuclear Road  
Two Rivers, WI 54241-9516

**SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL**

Dear Mr. Koehl:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

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. Charles R. Sizemore, Training Manager. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been 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 July 9, 2007, or during the week of July 16, 2007. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of July 9, 2007.

Please contact Mr. Nicholas Valos, at 630-829-9761, 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.

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Sincerely,



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Docket Nos. 50-266; 50-301  
License Nos. DPR-24; DPR-27

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March 2, 2007

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Dear Mr. Koehl:

In a telephone conversation on February 23, 2007, between Mr. James Jones, Operations Training Supervisor Initial Programs, and Mr. Nicholas Valos, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant the week of July 9, 2007. In addition, the NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of June 18, 2007.

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 April 11, 2007. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 to ES-201 will be due by May 21, 2007. 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. We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. 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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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Jones 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 Nicholas Valos at 630-829-9761, or me at 630-829-9707.

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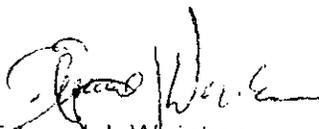
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Response to Regulatory Information Summary 2005-19,  
"Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

On August 24, 2005, the NRC issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2005-19. RIS 2005-19 requests that each licensee provide an update of operator licensing examination information for calendar years 2006 through 2009.

The enclosures to this letter provide the Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) response for the above listed docket.

There are no new regulatory commitments or revisions to existing commitments contained in the enclosure of this letter.

  
Edward J. Weinkam  
Director, Regulatory Services  
Nuclear Management Company, LLC

Enclosures (3)

cc: Regional Administrator, USNRC, Region III

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**OPERATOR LICENSING  
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budget and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (1-5 F52), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to [infocollect@nrc.gov](mailto:infocollect@nrc.gov), and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NFOB-10202 (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

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**A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2006	CY 2007	CY 2008	CY 2009
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2006	CY 2007	CY 2008	CY 2009
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	6	0	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS INSTANT	0	7	0	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS UPGRADE	0	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS LIMITED	0	0	0	0
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>				
PRIMARY DATE		07/03/2007		07/20/2009
ALTERNATE DATE		07/23/2007		06/22/2009

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

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2006				CY 2007			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0