February 5, 1999

Tennessee Valley Authority ATTN: Mr. Jack W. Cox Training Manager Watts Bar Training Center P. O. Box 2000 Spring City, TN 37381

SUBJECT: APRIL 1999 GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION SECTION WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT

Dear Mr. Cox:

The NRC plans to administer the Generic Fundamentals Examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination on April 7, 1999. To register personnel to take the GFE, an authorized representative of your facility must submit *either a letter indicating no candidates are scheduled to participate in the GFE or a letter listing the names of candidates for the examination*. This letter should be submitted to the appropriate NRC Regional Administrator, with a copy to the Chief, Operator Licensing and Human Performance Branch, Region II, and to the Chief, Operator Licensing and Human Factors Branch, Mail Stop O-9-D-24, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Your letter should identify the individuals who will take the examination. The letter should certify that they are enrolled in a facility licensee-sponsored program leading to an NRC operator or senior operator license 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. The letter should be received in both the NRC Regional and Headquarters' offices 30 days before the examination date to allow the NRC to assign docket numbers. A sample registration letter is enclosed.

If after your registration letter has been sent your facility has questions regarding proposed changes in personnel scheduled to take the GFE or if the facility decides to delete candidates from the GFE, please contact Mr. George Usova, GFE Coordinator, Operator Licensing Branch, Division of Reactor Controls and Human Factors, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, at (301) 415-1064.

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If any other assistance is needed, please contact me at (404) 562-4638.

Sincerely,

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(original signed by H. O. Christensen)

Harold O. Christensen, Chief Operator Licensing and Human Performance Branch Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos.: 50-390 and 50-391 License Nos: NPF-90 and CPPR-92

Enclosure: Sample Registration Letter

cc w/encl: R. T. Purcell, Site Vice President, Watts Bar Nuclear Plant

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SAMPLE REGISTRATION LETTER - 2/99

Mr. Luis A. Reyes Regional Administrator U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Region II Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street SW Suite 23T85 Atlanta, GA 30303

SUBJECT: GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION

Dear Mr. Reyes:

(Select either this paragraph for no exams)

(Facility Name) will not have any individuals participating in the Generic Fundamentals Examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination to be administered on (Date).

or (Select this paragraph and the following for exams requested)

(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 candidates 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.

Candidate's Name

Date of Birth

Previous 55 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 individual who will also be responsible for the security and administration of the examination:

<u>Name, Title</u> <u>Address</u> <u>City, State, Zip Code</u>

If you have any questions, please contact (Facility Contact Name) at (Telephone Number).

Sincerely,

Name, Title

cc: Robert M. Gallo, HOHB, NRR Harold O. Christensen, Region II

Enclosure