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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of )  
Tennessee Valley Authority )

Docket No. 50-390

**WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) UNIT 1 - NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY  
(RIS) 2008-16 - PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING OF OPERATOR LICENSING  
EXAMINATIONS**

RIS 2008-16 was issued by NRC on June 27, 2008, and requested information regarding WBN's projected operator licensing examination schedules and the estimated number of applicants. The enclosure to this letter addresses NRC's request and provides an estimate of the examination requirements for WBN on NRC Form 536.

There are no regulatory commitments associated with this submittal. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (423) 365-1824.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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ENCLOSURE

NRC Form 536 - Operator Licensing Examination Data

**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 budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to infocollects@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-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 <u>08</u>	CY <u>09</u>	CY <u>10</u>	CY <u>11</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		1	2	2
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		0	0	0

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>08</u>	CY <u>09</u>	CY <u>10</u>	CY <u>11</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		2	6	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT		4	18	24
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE		2	4	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>				
PRIMARY DATE		05/25/2009	01/11/2010	01/10/2011
ALTERNATE DATE		06/08/2009	01/25/2010	01/24/2011

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

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>08</u>				CY <u>09</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			7		16		18	