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Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1
Facility Operating License No. NPF-90
NRC Docket No. 50-390

**Subject: Response To NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2009-11 –
Preparation And Scheduling Of Operator Licensing Examinations**

- References:**
1. NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2009-11, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated July 16, 2009
 2. TVA's letter to NRC dated June 2, 2009, "Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN) Unit 1 - NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2008-16 - Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2009-11 was issued by NRC on July 16, 2009, and requested information regarding Watts Bar Nuclear Plant's (WBN) 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. Please note that the information provided in the enclosure revises the information previously provided via Reference 2.

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There are no regulatory commitments associated with this submittal. TVA's principal contact regarding operator licensing is Ron Crews, WBN Operations Training. Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Crews at (423) 365-1775.

Respectfully,



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Enclosure: NRC Form 536 – Operator Licensing Examination Data

cc (Enclosure):

Regional Administrator – Region II

NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Watts Bar Nuclear Plant

ENCLOSURE

**NRC Form 536 - Operator Licensing Examination Data
Watts Bar Nuclear Plant
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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 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.

FACILITY

Watts Bar Nuclear Plant

NRC REGION

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY 2010 | CY 2011 | CY 2012 | CY 2013 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY 2010 | CY 2011 | CY 2012 | CY 2013 |
|--|------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS | 5 | 4/4 | 4/4 | |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT | 11 | 12/10 | 10/10 | |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE | 0 | 0/2 | 2/2 | |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | |
| PROPOSED DATES | | | | |
| PRIMARY DATE | 08/23/2010 | 6/06/2011 / 10/17/2011 | 3/20/2012 / 12/04/2012 | |
| ALTERNATE DATE | 08/30/2010 | 6/13/2011 / 10/24/2011 | 3/27/2012 / 12/11/2012 | |

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY 2010 | | | | CY 2011 | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|------|-----------|----------|---------|------|-----------|----------|
| | MARCH | JUNE | SEPTEMBER | DECEMBER | MARCH | JUNE | SEPTEMBER | DECEMBER |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES | | 14 | | 14 | | | 14 | |