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REGION IV
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THIS LETTER DISTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING DOCKET NUMBERS:

Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-313; 50-368
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Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-275; 50-323
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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 10, 2010
June 9, 2010
September 8, 2010
December 8, 2010

To register personnel to take the GFE, an authorized representative of your facility must submit a letter to Elmo E. Collins, Jr., Regional Administrator, Region IV, with a copy addressed as follows:

Chief, Operator Licensing Branch, NRR
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1155 Rockville Pike
Mail Stop OWFN 07G13
Rockville, MD 20852-2738

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 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 Human Performance 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 from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room) approximately 45 days following the examination administration date. 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.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

If you have any questions concerning this examination, please contact Lawrence Vick at (301)415-3181.

Sincerely,

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Sample Registration Letter

Elmo Collins, Jr.
Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
612 E. Lamar Blvd., Suite 400
Arlington, TX 76011-4125

Dear (Name),

(Facility name) requests approval from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to have the following (number) individuals take the (BWR or PWR) generic fundamentals examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination to be administered on (date).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Previous Docket No.</u>
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(Insert the name, date of birth, and the previous Part 55 Docket Number (if applicable) for each person.)

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.

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

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

Please address the examinations to the **overnight mail** address, as follows (note that home addresses are not acceptable):

Name, Title
Address
City, State Zip Code

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

Sincerely,

(Name, title)

cc:
Chief, Operator Licensing Branch, NRR