



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION IV  
612 EAST LAMAR BLVD, SUITE 400  
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-4125

December 6, 2011

THIS LETTER DISTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING DOCKET NUMBERS:

Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-313; 50-368  
Columbia Generating Station, Docket No.: 50-397  
Cooper Nuclear Station, Docket No.: 50-298  
Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-445; 50-446  
Callaway Plant, Docket No.: 50-483  
Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-275; 50-323  
Fort Calhoun Station, Docket No.: 50-285  
Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Docket No.: 50-416  
Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, Docket Nos.: 50-528; 50-529; 50-530  
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 7, 2012  
June 6, 2012  
September 5, 2012  
December 5, 2012

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 and Training Branch, NRR  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Mail Stop 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/reading-rm/adams.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/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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

Sincerely,



Mark S. Haire, Chief  
Operations Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosure: As stated

cc:  
Bob Byford, Training Manager  
Arkansas Nuclear One  
Entergy Operations, Inc.  
1448 S.R. 333  
Russellville, AR 72802

Juan Cortez, Assistant Manager  
Operations Training  
AmerenUE  
P.O. Box 620  
Fulton, MO 65251

Licensing Supervisor  
Energy Northwest  
P.O. Box 968, PE-20  
Richland, Washington 99352-0968

James M. Moon, Manager  
Nuclear Training  
Energy Northwest  
P.O. Box 968, MD-1028  
Richland, WA 99352-0968

Michael Page, Director  
Nuclear Training  
Luminant Generation Company LLC  
P.O. Box 1002  
Glen Rose, TX 76043-1147

Dan Sealock, Acting Manager  
Nuclear Training  
Nebraska Public Power District  
P.O. Box 98  
Brownville, NE 68321

Lynn Walter, Director  
Learning Services  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Diablo Canyon Power Plant  
P.O. Box 56  
Avila Beach, CA 93424

Rich Haug, Manager  
Nuclear Training  
Omaha Public Power District  
9610 Power Lane  
Mail Stop FC-3-1  
Blair, NE 68008

Jim Caery, Manager  
Training and Development  
Grand Gulf Nuclear Station  
Entergy Operations, Inc.  
P.O. Box 756  
Port Gibson, MS 39150

Pete McSparran, Department Lead  
Operations Training  
Arizona Public Service Company  
Mail Station 7894  
P.O. Box 52034  
Phoenix, AZ 85072

Marvin Chase, Manager - Training  
Entergy Operations, Inc.  
River Bend Station  
5485 US Highway 61N  
St. Francisville, LA 70775

John Pierce, Manager  
Operations Training  
N4007  
STP Nuclear Operating Company  
P.O. Box 289  
Wadsworth, TX 77483

Bill Arbour, Manager  
Nuclear Engineering and Ops Training  
San Onofre, Units 2 and 3  
Southern California Edison Co.  
P.O. Box 128  
E-50A Nuclear Training Division  
San Clemente, CA 92674-0128

Supervisor, Reportability  
San Onofre, Units 2 and 3  
Southern California Edison Co.  
P.O. Box 128  
D-3C Compliance  
San Clemente, CA 92674-0128

ReNae Kowalewski, Manager  
Training and Development  
Entergy Operations, Inc.  
17265 River Road  
Killona, LA 70066-0751

Mike Westman, Manager  
Training  
Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation  
P.O. Box 411  
Burlington, KS 66839

Sample Registration Letter

Elmo Collins, Jr.  
Regional Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region IV  
1600 East Lamar Blvd.  
Arlington, TX 76011-4511

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>
-------------	----------------------	----------------------------

(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>
-------------	--------------

(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 and Training Branch, NRR