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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Voluntary Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07:
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

Palisades Nuclear Plant
Docket 50-255
License No. DPR-20

Dear Sir or Madam:

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," requests that licensees submit, on a voluntary basis, a NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data." Estimates are requested for calendar years 2014 through 2017. The purpose of these estimates is to assist the NRC in budgeting and scheduling resources.

In response to this request, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. is providing the enclosed NRC Form 536 for the Palisades Nuclear Plant (PNP). PNP currently has examinations scheduled in 2012 for six reactor operators, five senior reactor operators-instant, and four senior reactor operators-upgrade. Examinations begin the week of October 1, 2012.

This letter makes no new commitments or revision to previous commitments.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: 1. NRC Form 536 - Operator Licensing Examination Data

CC Administrator, Region III, USNRC
Project Manager, Palisades, USNRC
Resident Inspector, Palisades, USNRC

**ATTACHMENT 1
NRC FORM 536 - OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA**

NRC FORM 536 (9-2011)	US NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION	APPROVED BY OMB NO 3150-0131 EXPIRES 9/30/2014 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 Information Services Branch (T-5 F53), US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet email 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.
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA		

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY2014	CY2015	CY2016	CY2017
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	0	1	0
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY2014	CY2015	CY2016	CY2017
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	0	6	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	4	0	3	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	2	0	3	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	9/8/2014	N/A	8/1/2016	N/A
ALTERNATE DATE	10/6/2014	N/A	9/26/2016	N/A

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY2014				CY2015			
	March	June	September	December	March	June	September	December
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0