

**Cc:** Franke, Mark; Aiello, Ronald; Capehart, Phillip; Laska, Gerard; Baldwin, Richard; Meeks, Michael; Bacon, Daniel; Toth, Amanda; Bates, Mark; Lanyi, David

**Subject:** schedule additions

We have some other activities, not exam related, that need to be added to the current FY schedule and 2012. Mostly for WB2 but some ROB follow-up stuff too.

- Delete 11/14 "WB U2 SU inspection" for Baldwin and Meeks.
- Add 11/28 "U1 SIM Insp" for Aiello and Baldwin
- Add 12/5 week "ROB EOP Inspection" for Baldwin and Meeks.
- Add 2/20 week "WB U2 prep" (onsite inspection of training objectives) for Aiello and Capehart
- Add (as a place holder) weeks 2/27, 3/5, 3/12 "WB U2 Review" for Aiello, Capehart, Laska (3-50Q tests); - Need to check on leave for Aiello on 3/5 if it is real ....
- Add week 3/26 "WB U2 Exam" for Aiello and Capehart (onsite)
- Correct under Bates "VG-IP" week 3/5, class size to 14/9/1 (licensee informed me via telecon).
- Add 5/7 "ROB PI&R" for Lanyi.
- Add (placeholders) 5/7 "WB U2 SU" (start-up inspection) for Bacon, Laska, Toth; 5/14 for Bacon, Lanyi, Toth; 5/21 Lanyi, Toth; 5/28 Aiello, Bates, Lanyi, Laska, Toth.

We also need to add IPs to be inspected at WB2; 370 man hrs (2 guys - 6 weeks, not all at once) effort to address IPs. Slated for March-April of 2012.

**IP 41500, Training inspection (for differences and SAT inspection): Level of effort = 136 man hours (2 people, 1 week in office and 1 week in the field). If a HQ Human Factors person is used and one typically is, add 40 hours. 16 hours post inspection documentation.**

**IP 42400, Plant Procedures inspection: Level of effort = 104 hours. 2 people one week in the field with 8 hour prep and 16 man hours post inspection documentation.**

**IP 42452, Emergency Procedures inspection: Level of effort = 136 man hours (2 people, 1 week in office and 1 week in the field). On occasion a third person is used. If so, add 40 hours. 16 hours post inspection documentation.**

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**From:** Meeks, Michael  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 02, 2011 10:18 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Widmann, Malcolm; [REDACTED]; Bates, Mark; Franke, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: Vogtle NRC Exam Waiver Questions

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Please let me know if you have any further questions—

Best regards,

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Any assistance on these issues would be greatly appreciated.

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Bates, Mark; Widmann, Malcolm; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Vogtle NRC Exam Waiver Questions

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] wrote: "For item 3 below, we will be requesting a waiver for no greater than 80 days of the 36 months responsible power plant experience for an instant SRO candidate (ES-202 D.2.a.(1)). All other requirements will be met."

Good, therefore as long as the individual has 6 months of responsible nuclear power plant experience at Vogtle this should be a routine waiver that we can approve within the Region per ES-204 D.1.i. When the results of the exam are issued, the individual applicant would receive a letter stating that he had passed the exam, and once you certify to us that the remaining 80 days of responsible nuclear power plant experience are met (i.e. after the exam), we would issue the individual a license.

[REDACTED] wrote: "Also, how would I go about finding out whether or not Region II will grant an operating exam waiver for the individuals submitted? This would be very beneficial as we tailor their remediation program to the specific needs."

I'm not sure I understand if you are asking a new question. For [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]: as long as these individuals' applications demonstrate that they have completed a remedial training program to address deficiencies, these would be routine waivers approved by Region II. These five individuals would have the operating test portion of the exam waived, and would only need to take the written exam. For C. Smith, Region II would likely deny a waiver of the operating test portion of the exam. However, she could re-take the entire exam (both a complete operating exam and the written). I had briefed regional management on the above individuals and received concurrence before I sent my earlier email; so they were "preliminary" answers insofar as we have not received/evaluated the actual applications.

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