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REGION III
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May 2, 2013

Mr. Anthony Vitale
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SUBJECT: THE U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION III 2013 OPERATOR LICENSING WORKSHOP (CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC)

Dear Mr. Vitale:

This letter serves to notify you and your staff that the 2013 Operator Licensing Workshop sponsored by NRC Region III Division of Reactor Safety, Operations Branch, will be held at the Wyndham Lisle-Chicago Hotel and Executive Meeting Center, located at 3000 Warrenville Rd., Lisle, Illinois 60532. This meeting is categorized as a Non-Public Closed Meeting. Please see the enclosed Meeting Notice (Enclosure 1), as well as the 2013 Workshop Agenda (Enclosure 2) for details concerning subject topics to be addressed during the workshop.

Members of your operations' and training staff involved in the overall Operator Licensing Program, along with your staff, responsible for writing NRC required written examinations and operating tests, (initial and requalification) are invited to attend this workshop. Note that your training managers were previously informed of this workshop through your participation with the Midwest Nuclear Training Association (MNTA). Please provide the names and positions of your staff that plan to attend the workshop to Ms. Jan Kweiser by May 15, 2013, either by phone (630) 829-9711 or by electronic mail to Janet.Kweiser@nrc.gov.

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Should you have any questions concerning this workshop, please contact Chuck Zoia at (630) 829-9863, email: Charles.Zoia@nrc.gov, or Dell McNeil at (630) 829-9737, email: Dell.Mcneil@nrc.gov, or I can be reached at (630) 829-9707, email: Hironori.Peterson@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Hironori Peterson, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-255 and 72-007
License No. DPR-20

Enclosures:

1. Meeting Notice
2. Workshop Agenda

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NOTICE OF NRC REGION III 2013 OPERATOR LICENSING WORKSHOP
THIS WORKSHOP IS A NON-PUBLIC CLOSED MEETING

Name of Licensee: Exelon Generation Company, LLC; Indiana Michigan Power Company; FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co.; NextEra Energy, LLC; Detroit Edison Company; Dominion Energy Kewaunee, Inc.; Northern States Power Company, Minnesota; Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.

Name of Facility: Braidwood Station; Byron Station; Clinton Power Station; Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station; Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant; Dresden Nuclear Power Station; Duane Arnold Energy Center; Fermi Power Plant; Kewaunee Power Station; LaSalle County Station; Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant; Palisades Nuclear Plant; Perry Nuclear Power Plant; Point Beach Nuclear Plant; Prairie Island Nuclear Generation Plant; and Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station

Docket No: 50-456, 50-457; 50-454, 50-455; 50-461; 50-346; 50-315, 50-316; 50-237, 50-249; 50-331; 50-305; 50-373, 50-374; 50-263; 50-255; 50-440; 50-341; 50-266, 50-301; 50-282, 50-306; 50-254, 50-265

Time and Date: 8:30A.M. – 4:00P.M. (CDT), on Wednesday, May 29 and 8:00A.M. – 3:00P.M. (CDT), on Thursday, May 30, 2013

Location: Wyndham Lisle-Chicago Hotel and Executive Meeting Center
3000 Warrenville Rd.
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Purpose: Operator Licensing Workshop and Training Manager Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to share experiences, lessons learned, and discuss issues affecting Operator Licensing Program activities with the licensees and industry. The NRC Region III Division of Reactor Safety, Operations Branch, will present clarification on existing internal agency guidance relevant to Operator Licensing Examination and Inspection Programs. This will include discussions concerning examination development and quality, implementation of the Temporary Instruction (TI)-186 Aircraft Threats, and insights on Fukushima Event Lessons Learned. The licensees will present lessons learned, corrective actions experiences, and specific issues associated with internal responses to NRC Regulations and Guidance. The Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) will present their current perspectives and issues on initial license examinations and inspections, and current licensee performance on those examinations and in the nation's power plant control rooms. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission will present material applicable to licensing operators at Canadian power plants. Please see (Enclosure 2) for the Workshop Agenda.



NRC RIII OPERATIONS BRANCH 2013 OPERATOR LICENSING WORKSHOP May 29 and 30, 2013

Dates and Times: May 29 and 30, 2013, (9:00A.M. to 4:00P.M. and 8:00A.M. to 3:00P.M., respectively)

Meeting Classification: Non-Public Meeting

Place of Meeting: Wyndham Hotel, Lisle, Illinois

Attendees: All Available Operations Branch Staff and Invited Licensees

Purpose: Annual external workshop sessions to discuss and define expectations for Operator Licensing Fundamentals. An open discussion between NRC and Industry to enhance the effectiveness of the exam and licensing process, and for the industry to share issues, lessons learned, and internal experiences associated with operator licensing.

AGENDA – Day 1 - MAY 29, 2013

TIME	TOPICS	FACILITATOR(S)
8:30 – 9:00A.M.	Registration and Networking	H. Peterson All (OL Staff)
9:00 – 9:30	Introductions and Welcome – Overview Agenda	C. Casto G. Shear/P. Loudon H. Peterson
9:30 – 10:15	<u>Scenario Critical Tasks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requirements ▪ Experience/Insight 	D. Reeser Point Beach - TBD
10:15 – 10:30	<u>Break</u>	
10:30 – 11:15	<u>SRO-Only Questions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requirements ▪ Experience/Insight 	D. McNeil
11:15 – 12:00	<u>INPO Perspective On Exams And Licensee Performance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information Available ▪ Experience/Insight 	M. Llewellyn (INPO)
12:00 – 1:00P.M.	<u>Lunch</u>	
1:00 – 1:45	<u>JPM Fundamentals Topic (TBD)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requirements ▪ Experience/Insight 	M. Bielby
2:00 – 2:45	<u>New ANS/ANSI 3.4 Medical Standards</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Status ▪ Perspectives 	B. Stevens (Exelon)
2:45 – 3:00	<u>Break</u>	
3:00 – 3:45	<u>Written Exam Fundamentals Topic (TBD)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information Available ▪ Experience/Insight 	B. Palagi
3:45 – 4:00P.M. Meeting Adjourned	<u>Closing Remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary ▪ Questions and Answers ▪ Tomorrow's Schedule 	H. Peterson



AGENDA – Day 2 - MAY 30, 2013

TIME	TOPICS	FACILITATOR(S)
8:00 – 08:15A.M.	Welcome Back! – Recap and Overview Agenda	H. Peterson All (OL Staff)
8:15 – 9:00	<u>Licensees Presentation Topic - TBD</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information Available ▪ Experience/Insight 	Site – TBD
9:00 – 9:45	<u>Implausible Distractors</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requirements ▪ Experience/Insight 	S. Currie (NRR)
9:45 – 10:00	<u>Break</u>	
10:00 – 10:45	<u>Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Topic</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certification Process – Simulator Examination ▪ Requirements ▪ Experience/Insight 	C. McDermott (CNSC)
10:45 – 11:30	<u>TI-186 Aircraft Threats</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requirements ▪ Experience/Insight 	K. Walton
11:30 – 1:00P.M.	<u>Lunch</u>	
1:00 – 1:45	<u>Fukushima Lessons Learned – Status on NRC Actions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information Available ▪ Status 	C. Cowdrey (NRR)
1:45 – 2:00	<u>Break</u>	
2:00 – 2:45	<u>Open Forum</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Questions and Answers ▪ Recent Issues 	H. Peterson, et al
2:45–3:00P.M. Meeting Adjourned	<u>Closing Remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary ▪ Conclusions/Wrap-up 	H. Peterson