

2015 DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION

INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION

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June 11, 2015

Mr. Raymond Lieb
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SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Lieb:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Mr. Jeffrey D. Cuff, Training Manager. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject examinations and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examinations in accordance with Revision 9, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," one day during the week of June 22, 2015. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of June 15, 2015. This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for licensed operator training at your facility. Based on this review, I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021, for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines, and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at 630-829-9707.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. David W. Reeser, at 630-829-9859, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (reactor operator (RO) or senior reactor operator (SRO)) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

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January 27, 2014

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**SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS:
DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION**

Dear Mr. Lieb:

We have received your corporate letters L-12-254 dated July 6, 2012, L-13-172 dated June 3, 2013, and L-13-274 dated August 28, 2013. In these letters, you requested an initial operator licensing examination scheduled in December 2014 be delayed until June 2015. In response, we have scheduled an initial license exam for the weeks of **June 15 and 22, 2015**, with an onsite validation date of May 18, 2015.

In your letters, you also requested we schedule initial license exams in June 2016 and December 2017 at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. In response, as you requested, we have scheduled an initial operator licensing examination for the weeks of June 13 and 20, 2016, with an onsite validation scheduled for May 23, 2016. Additionally, we have scheduled an initial operator licensing examination for the weeks of December 4 and 11, 2017, with an onsite validation scheduled for the week of November 13, 2017.

In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately, upon discovery, of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

We understand that your staff will develop the examinations unless we determine it is necessary for the NRC to develop an examination in which case, we will notify you immediately upon discovery of that need. Because your letter indicated that there were more than nine applicants being considered for each of these examinations, the examinations were each scheduled for two weeks. Please inform us if the number of candidates change for any examination as this will impact the examination schedule. Also, please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled dates for the examinations.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the examination informing the training manager of the chief examiner's name. The letter will also outline examination security expectations, list the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirm the examination date, and reconfirm the number of candidates you have in the Training Program

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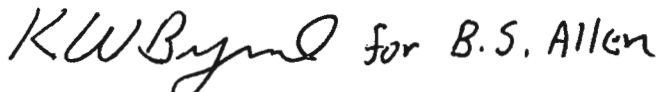
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Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1
Docket Number 50-346, License Number NPF-3
Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07, "Preparation and Scheduling
of Operator Licensing Examinations"

The Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS) is providing information in response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2012-07, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," as requested. The attached NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data," provides information through calendar year 2017 for Initial Operator License Examinations and through calendar year 2015 for Generic Fundamentals Examinations.

There are no regulatory commitments included in this letter. If there are any questions or if additional information is required, please contact Mr. Charles N. Steenbergen, Acting Site Training Manager, at (419) 321-7594.

Sincerely,



Barry S. Allen

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Enclosure: NRC Form 536 – Operator Licensing Examination Data

cc: Regional Administrator, NRC Region III
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>14</u>	CY <u>15</u>	CY <u>16</u>	CY <u>17</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	0	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>14</u>	CY <u>15</u>	CY <u>16</u>	CY <u>17</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	0	6	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	5	0	5	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	0	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	12/1/14	NA	6/13/16	12/1/17
ALTERNATE DATE	1/5/15	NA	7/18/16	1/5/18

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>13</u>				CY <u>15</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			11		11			



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SUBJECT:

Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1
Docket Number 50-346, License Number NPF-3
Rescheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

This letter is being submitted to request rescheduling of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS) Initial Operator Licensing Examination for 2014. Letter L-11-209, Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2011-04, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated June 23, 2011, requested a primary examination date of December 1, 2014, and an alternate date of January 5, 2015. Due to preparations for our upcoming Steam Generator Replacement outage in the spring of 2014, an approximate six month extension to these dates is needed. Therefore, the FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) is requesting a primary examination date for the week of June 1, 2015, with an alternate date of July 6, 2015. These proposed changes have been discussed with Mr. R. Keith Walton, NRC Region III Operator Licensing.

Please note that the upcoming 2013 examinations are unaffected by this change, as are the examinations scheduled in 2016. An updated Operator Licensing Examination Data Form (NRC Form 536) is enclosed to reflect these changes, along with a revised schedule for the proposed administration of the Generic Fundamentals Examination in 2013 and 2014.

There are no regulatory commitments included in this letter. If there are any questions or if additional information is required, please contact Mr. Daniel T. Hartnett, Superintendent - Nuclear Operations Training at (419) 249-2396.

Sincerely,

Raymond A. Lieb

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Enclosure: NRC Form 536 – Operator Licensing Examination Data

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

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B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>13</u>	CY <u>14</u>	CY <u>15</u>	CY <u>16</u>
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NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	5	0	5	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	0	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	06/03/2013		06/01/2015	06/13/2016
ALTERNATE DATE	07/15/2013		07/16/2015	07/18/2016

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>13</u>				CY <u>14</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			15					15

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Subject:

Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1
Docket Number 50-346, License Number NPF-3
Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2013-06, "Preparation and Scheduling
of Operator Licensing Examinations"

The Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS) is providing information in response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2013-06, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," as requested. The attached NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data," provides information through calendar year 2018 for Initial Operator License Examinations and through calendar year 2016 for Generic Fundamentals Examinations.

There are no regulatory commitments included in this letter. If there are any questions or if additional information is required, please contact Mr. Daniel T. Hartnett, Superintendent - Nuclear Operations Training at (419) 249-2396.

Sincerely,



Raymond A. Lieb

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>15</u>	CY <u>16</u>	CY <u>17</u>	CY <u>18</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	0
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>15</u>	CY <u>16</u>	CY <u>17</u>	CY <u>18</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	4	6	6	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	6	5	5	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	1	3	3	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	6/1/2015	6/13/2016	12/1/2017	
ALTERNATE DATE	7/16/2015	7/18/2016	1/8/2018	

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>15</u>				CY <u>16</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES						14		



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November 4, 2011

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**SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS:
DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR STATION**

Dear Mr. Allen:

We have received your letter L-11-209 dated June 23, 2011. In that letter, you requested an initial operator licensing examinations be scheduled for December 2014 and June 2016.

In response, as you requested, we have scheduled an initial operator licensing examination for the weeks of **January 5 and 12, 2015**, with an on-site validation scheduled for December 15, 2014. Additionally, we have scheduled an initial operator licensing examination for the weeks of June 13 and 20, 2016, at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station with an on-site validation scheduled for the week of May 23, 2016. Previously, you were scheduled for an initial operator licensing exam the weeks of June 3 and 10, 2013. This date has not changed.

In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

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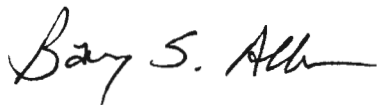
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There are no regulatory commitments included in this letter. If there are any questions or if additional information is required, please contact Mr. Robert C. Hovland, Site Training Manager, at (419) 321-8406.

Sincerely,



Barry S. Allen

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DB-1 NRC/NRR Project Manager
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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>13</u>	CY <u>14</u>	CY <u>15</u>	CY <u>16</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	6	0	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	5	5	0	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	3	0	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	06/13/2013	12/01/2014		06/13/2016
ALTERNATE DATE	07/15/2013	01/05/2015		07/18/2016

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>13</u>				CY <u>15</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			11		11			