



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

REGION III
2443 WARRENVILLE RD. SUITE 210
LISLE, IL 60532-4352

June 1, 2017

Mr. Dean Curtland
Site Director
NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC
3277 DAEC Road
Palo, IA 52324-9785

SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Curtland:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at Duane Arnold Energy Center.

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. Clay Hill, Training Manager. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject examinations and you may administer the written examinations in accordance with Revision 10, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," during the weeks of June 5 and June 12, 2017. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of June 5 and June 12, 2017. 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 630-829-9834.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. Michael Bielby, at 630-829-9762, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

This letter will be made available for public inspection and copying at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> and at the NRC Public Document Room in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, "Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding."

Sincerely,

/RA/

Robert J. Orlikowski, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 50-331
License No. DPR-49

cc: Distribution via LISTSERV®
Mr. Clay Hill, Training Manager

Letter to Mr. Dean Curtland from Mr. Robert J. Orlikowski dated June 1, 2017.

SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

DISTRIBUTION:

Jeremy Bowen
 RidsNrrDorLp13
 RidsNrrPMDuaneArnold Resource
 RidsNrrDirslrib Resource
 Cynthia Pederson
 Darrell Roberts
 Richard Skokowski
 Allan Barker
 Carole Ariano
 Linda Linn
 DRPIII
 DRSIII
 Nancy Salgado, HQ
 Colleen Schmidt, OLA, RIII

ADAMS Accession Number: ML17152A389

OFFICE	RIII/DRS/OB:OLA	RIII/DRS/OB:CE	RIII/DRS/OB:BC
NAME	CSchmidt	MBielby	ROrlikowski
DATE	05/25/17	05/26/17	06/01/17

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY