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**SUBJECT: GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS SECTION OF THE WRITTEN OPERATOR
LICENSING EXAMINATION**

Dear Mr. Parrish:

The NRC plans to administer a Generic Fundamentals Examination Section (GFES) of the written operator licensing examination at your facility on April 7, 1999. The GFES will consist of 100 questions. The maximum time allowed to complete the examination is 3 hours and the passing score will be 80 percent.

In order to nominate candidates, an authorized representative from your facility must submit a letter listing the names of candidates for the examination to the appropriate NRC Regional Administrator and to the Chief, Operator Licensing and Human Performance Branch. The letter must be received both in the Region and at NRC Headquarters by March 5, 1999, in order to allow us to assign docket numbers to the candidates and to make preparations for shipping the examinations to you for administration. The letter must certify that the candidates will have completed their fundamentals training by the date of the examination and are enrolled in your training program leading to an NRC operator or senior operator license. The letter must also list the names of personnel you will be using to proctor the examination and the address to which the examinations should be sent. A sample registration letter is enclosed.

The address for the Operator Licensing and Human Performance Branch Chief is as follows:

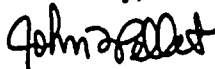
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Approximately 2 weeks prior to the examination administration date, your designated facility contact will be sent a letter delineating examination particulars (i.e., proctor responsibilities, student I.D. numbers, etc.)

Sincerely,



John L. Pellet, Chief
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