

September 8, 1999

Mr. R. P. Powers
Senior Vice President
Nuclear Generation Group
American Electric Power Company
500 Circle Drive
Buchanan, MI 49107-1395

Dear Mr. Powers:

In response to Walt Nelson's letters dated June 14 and July 26, 1999, we have tentatively scheduled initial licensing examinations for D. C. Cook operator license applicants during the weeks of March 5 and 12, 2001, and April 23 and 30, 2001. Validation of the examinations will occur at the station during the weeks of February 12 and April 2, 2001, respectively. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examinations 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.

As agreed upon in a telephone conversation on August 9, 1999, your staff will develop the examinations.

Mr. Nelson's letters indicated you are training approximately 32 candidates for the examinations. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below 10 for either examination as this will impact the examination schedule. Please also inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you are unable to support the examination on the scheduled dates.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the examination outlining examination security expectations, listing the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirming the examination dates, and reconfirming the number of candidates you have in the training program. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mary Ann Bies of my staff at 630-829-9711.

Sincerely,

/s/ David E. Hills
David E. Hills, Chief
Operations Branch

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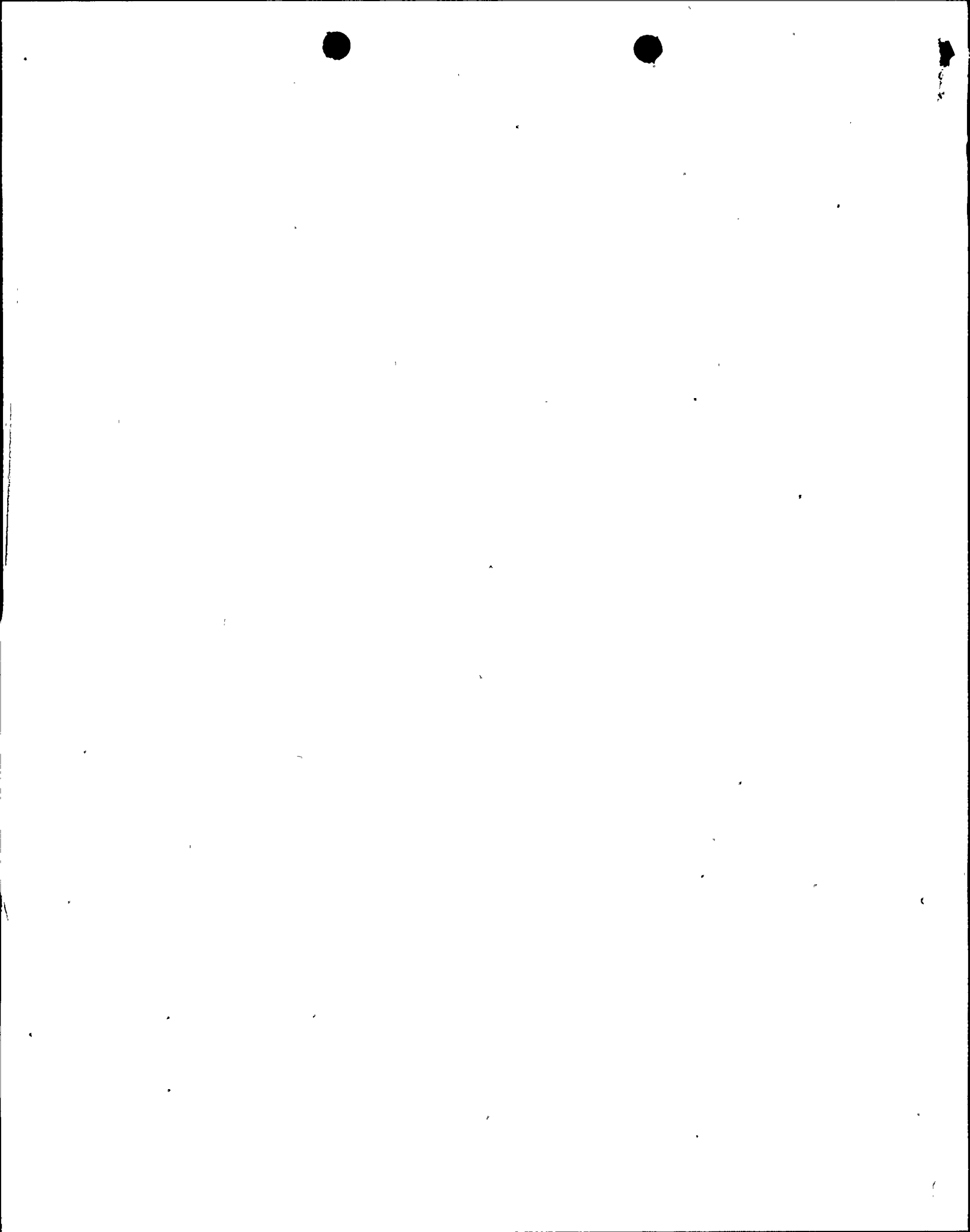
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