



**UNITED STATES
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THIS LETTER IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING DOCKET NUMBERS:

Beaver Valley Power Station, Docket Nos. 50-334 and 50-412
Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Docket Nos. 50-317 and 50-318
James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant, Docket No. 50-333
R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, LLC, Docket No. 50-244
Hope Creek Generating Station, Docket No. 50-354
Indian Point Station, Docket Nos. 50-247 and 50-286
Limerick Generating Station, Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353
Millstone Power Station, Docket Nos. 50-336 and 50-423
Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Docket Nos. 50-220 and 50-410
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Docket No. 50-219
Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Docket Nos. 50-277 and 50-278
Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Docket No. 50-293
Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Docket Nos. 50-272 and 50-311
Seabrook Station, Docket No. 50-443
Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388
Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Docket No. 50-289

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION
SECTION OF THE WRITTEN OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION FOR
2018

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) plans to administer the generic fundamentals examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination on the following dates during this calendar year:

March 7, 2018
September 5, 2018

To register personnel to take the GFE, an authorized representative of your facility may submit a letter to the appropriate regional administrator with a copy addressed, as follows:

Chief, Operator Licensing Branch
Mail Stop O 13 H16M
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Alternatively, a **voluntary** online registration portal will be *available the week of January 22, 2018* and can be used by an authorized representative of your facility to request administration of the GFE to individuals. More information on using this voluntary registration process can be found at <https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operator-licensing.html>. Use of this registration process will eliminate the need to submit a letter.

Under 10 CFR 55.31(a)(3), in order for the NRC written examination and operating test to be administered to an applicant for an operator license, the applicant shall submit a written request from an authorized representative of the facility licensee by which the applicant will be employed. As stated above, use of the online registration portal would satisfy this requirement. The NRC permits a request for administration of the GFE section of the written examination to be made and granted prior to the applicant's successful completion the facility licensee's requirements to be licensed as an operator or senior operator and prior to the facility licensee's certification of the need for an operator or a senior operator to perform assigned duties. However, the facility licensee should only request administration of the GFE section of the written examination for individuals who will have completed fundamentals training by the date of the examination.

The submittal should identify the individuals who will take the examination. The submittal should also identify the personnel who will have access to the examinations, and will be responsible for examination security, before they are administered (e.g., proctors) and include the address and name of the individual to whom the examinations are to be sent.

To allow the NRC to assign docket numbers, both the NRC Regional Administrator and the Chief, Operator Licensing Branch, should receive your letter, or online registration, at least **30 calendar days before each desired examination date** shown above. A sample registration letter is enclosed.

Copies of the administered BWR and PWR GFEs and their answer keys will be available for review in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) immediately after administration of the second subsequent GFE. At that time, the NRC will also update its GFE Web Page, <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operator-licensing/generic-fundamentals-examinations.html>.

If you have any questions concerning this examination, please contact Jacob Dolecki at 301-415-2947 or at Jacob.Dolecki@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Donald E. Jackson, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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Enclosure:
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