

APR 15 1981



MEMORANDUM FOR: William Dircks, Executive Director for Operations
FROM: Harold Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
SUBJECT: REGIONALIZATION OF OPERATOR LICENSING PROGRAM

On September 23, 1980 you approved our proposal for the operator licensing pilot program on regionalization and requested we submit a copy of the memorandum of understanding and the implementation schedule. This was sent to you as enclosures to our memo of December 23, 1980.

The positions were posted and several candidates for the examiner position were interviewed in January 1981. The applications of those persons who applied for the position of section leader were also reviewed by the selection board during this same period. Several offers were made to examiner applicants and J. I. McMillen was selected by the board for the section leaders position. The freeze on hiring put a halt to our plans at that time.

When the freeze was lifted for NRC, we discovered that some of the original applicants were no longer interested in the positions, but we did manage to hire some examiners to fill positions in the headquarters organizations. In addition Mr. McMillen was offered the section leader position and accepted.

Based on the above information we are submitting a revised schedule for implementation of the regionalization of the Operator Licensing Branch in Region III.

Original Signed By
E. G. Case

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure:
Implementation Schedule

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ENCLOSURE 1
REGION III
OPERATOR LICENSING SECTION
PILOT PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE
APRIL 2, 1981

a) The schedule for implementation will proceed as outlined below. The original schedule was for 26 weeks with the section leader to be selected by the end of the 8th week. This revised schedule is based on the 8th week being the new time 0. Complete functional operation of the office will depend upon our ability to hire the examiners.

b) The schedule for implementation:

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>COMPLETION TIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1. a) Section Leader selected	Time 0	4/5/81
2. Post and advertise the vacancies for Regional Examiner positions (5)	1st week	4/10/81
3. Advertise in local papers for Regional Examiners positions		5/14/81

b) Interview candidates for Regional Examiner positons	6th week	5/15/81
4. Select individuals for Regional Examiners	7th week	5/22/81
5. Make position offers	9th week	6/5/81
6. Section Leader reports to Region III office	15th week	7/13/81
7. Examiners report to Regional Office	16th week	7/20/81
8. a. Orientation and Training of new examiners completed <u>1</u> /	20th week	8/21/81
b. Regional office functional		8/31/81

1Completion date for training will depend upon background and experience of new hires.