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Sample Registration Letter

(Name),  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region (I, II, III, IV, V)  
Street Address  
City, State Zip Code

Dear Mr. (Name):

(Facility Name) requests to have the (number) candidates listed below take the Generic Fundamentals Examination Section of the operator licensing examination to be administered (Date (October, February, or June) (year)). All candidates are enrolled in the (Facility Name) (operator training program name (i.e., hot license class)) and will have completed the Generic Fundamentals portion of the program by the examination administration date.

(Candidate 1 Name)	(BWR or PWR)	Date of birth	Any previous 55-Docket
(Candidate 2 Name)	"	"	"
(Candidate 3 Name)	"	"	"
(Candidate 4 Name)	"	"	"
(Candidate 5 Name)	"	"	"
(Candidate 6 Name)	"	"	"
(Candidate . . . Name)	"	"	"

Sincerely,

(Name), (Title)  
(Facility)