

January 5, 1990

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Dear Mr. Reeder:

Generic Letter 89-17 (PLANNED ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE NRC OPERATOR LICENSING WRITTEN EXAMINATION PROCESS) dated September 6, 1989, discussed the implementation of the Generic Fundamentals Examination Section (GFES) of the written operator licensing examination. The generic letter indicated that a forthcoming change to the Operator Licensing Examiner Standards (NUREG-1021) would further define the registration and examination process. In response to feedback from pilot test participants, facility training personnel, NUMARC representatives, and NRC management the administration of the GFES will conform to the following registration and examination process guidelines which will be included in the next revision of NUREG-1021, "NRC Operator Licensing Examiner Standards".

- ° To register for the GFES an authorized facility licensee representative must submit a letter to the appropriate regional administrator listing the names of the candidates who wish to take either the PWR or BWR examination, their date of birth and any previous 55 docket number. The letter must also certify that the candidates have completed their fundamentals training and are enrolled in a facility licensee training program leading to NRC operator or senior operator licensing. The letter should be submitted approximately 30 days prior to the examination date to allow each NRC regional office to acquire an examination room of sufficient size. A sample registration letter is enclosed.
- ° The GFES will consist of 100 multiple choice questions, the time to complete the examination will be set at 2 - 1/2 hours and the passing score will be 80%.

To register for the Site-Specific Examination Section (SSES) of the written operator licensing examination, facility licensees should follow the procedures outlined in 10 CFR 55.31 (Applications). The application (NRC-398 Form) must give the date that the applicant passed either a GFES or an NRC administered operator licensing written examination administered on or after February 1, 1982, which resulted in the applicant receiving a license.

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The written SSES will consist of questions related to the categories [of required coverage] for knowledge and abilities outlined in the Examiners' Handbook for Developing Operator Licensing Examinations (NUREG/BR-0122) not tested by the GFES. Attached for your information is the sampling plan NRC examiners use in developing BWR and PWR written examinations, [for testing knowledge and abilities of RO and SRO candidates.] A revision to NUREG/BR-0122 planned for December 1989, will reflect these changes. The SSES will consist of a minimum of 75% objective questions and a maximum of 25% short answer/short essay type questions per the guidance described in Revision 5 to the Examiner Standards (NUREG-1021). The written SSES will be constructed and graded as a single examination, requiring a passing grade of 80%. Because the written SSES will no longer have specific sections, the requirement to obtain a minimum of 70% in each section has been deleted.

Sincerely,

Dennis F. Kirsch, Chief  
 Reactor Safety Branch

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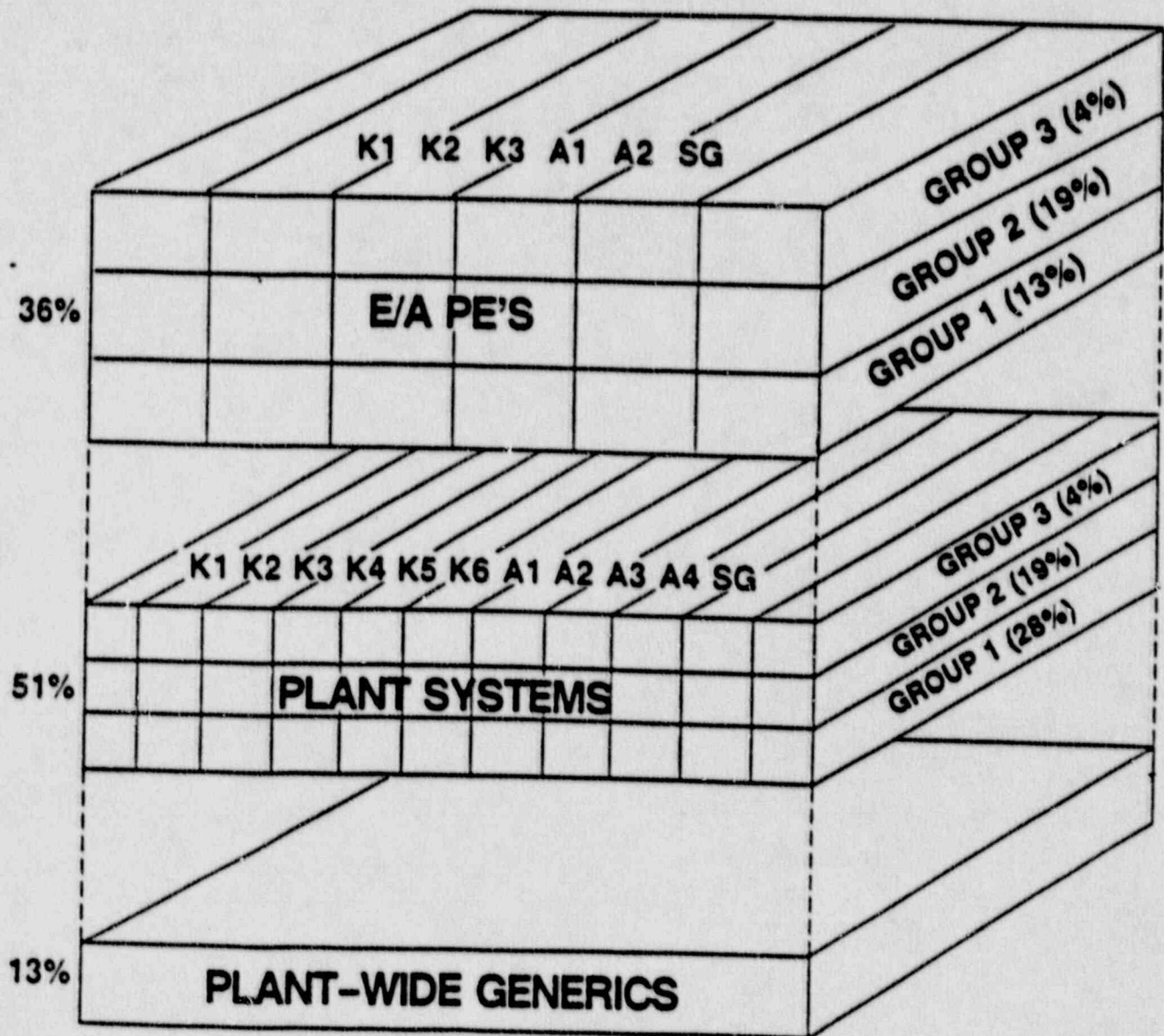
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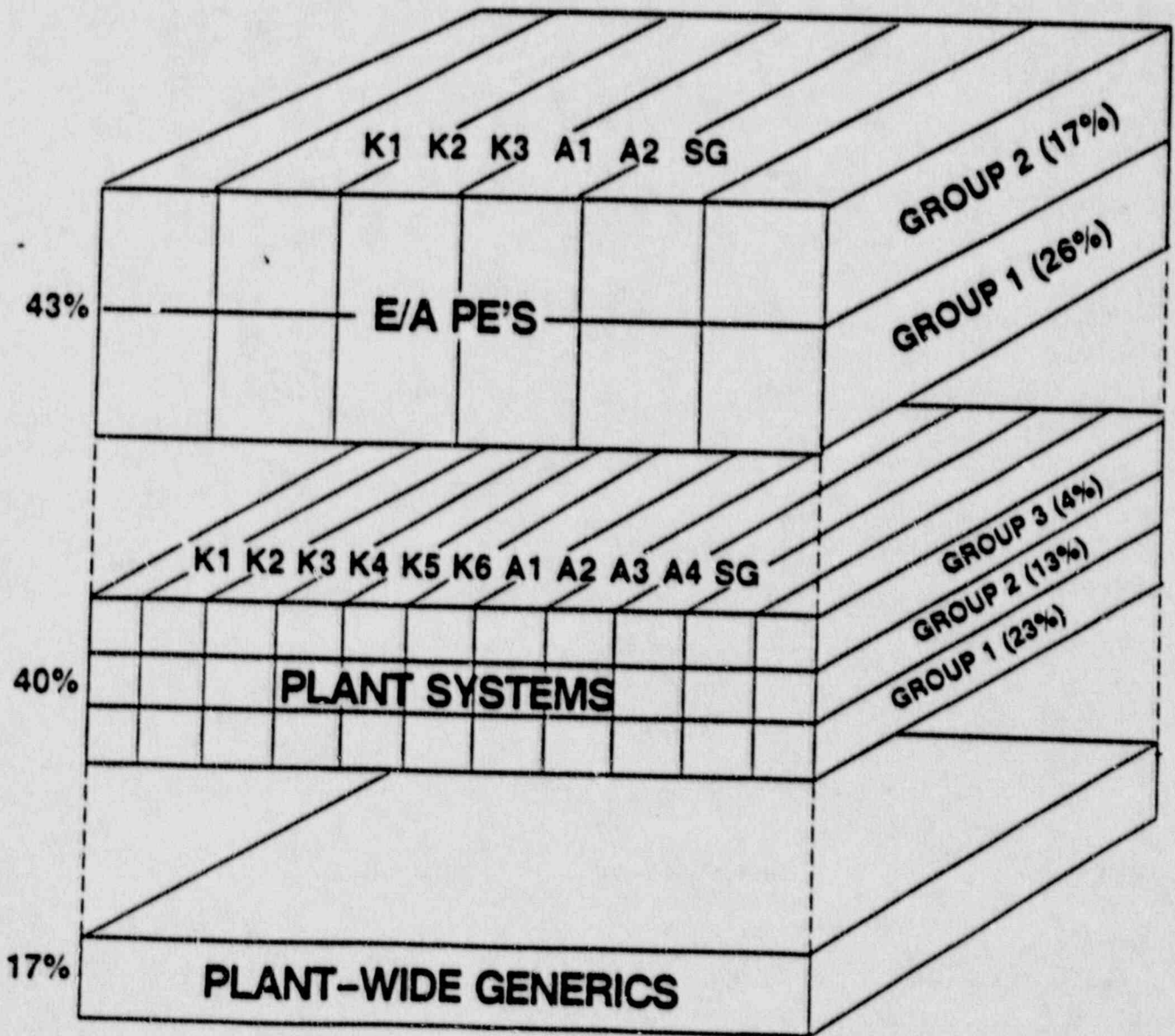
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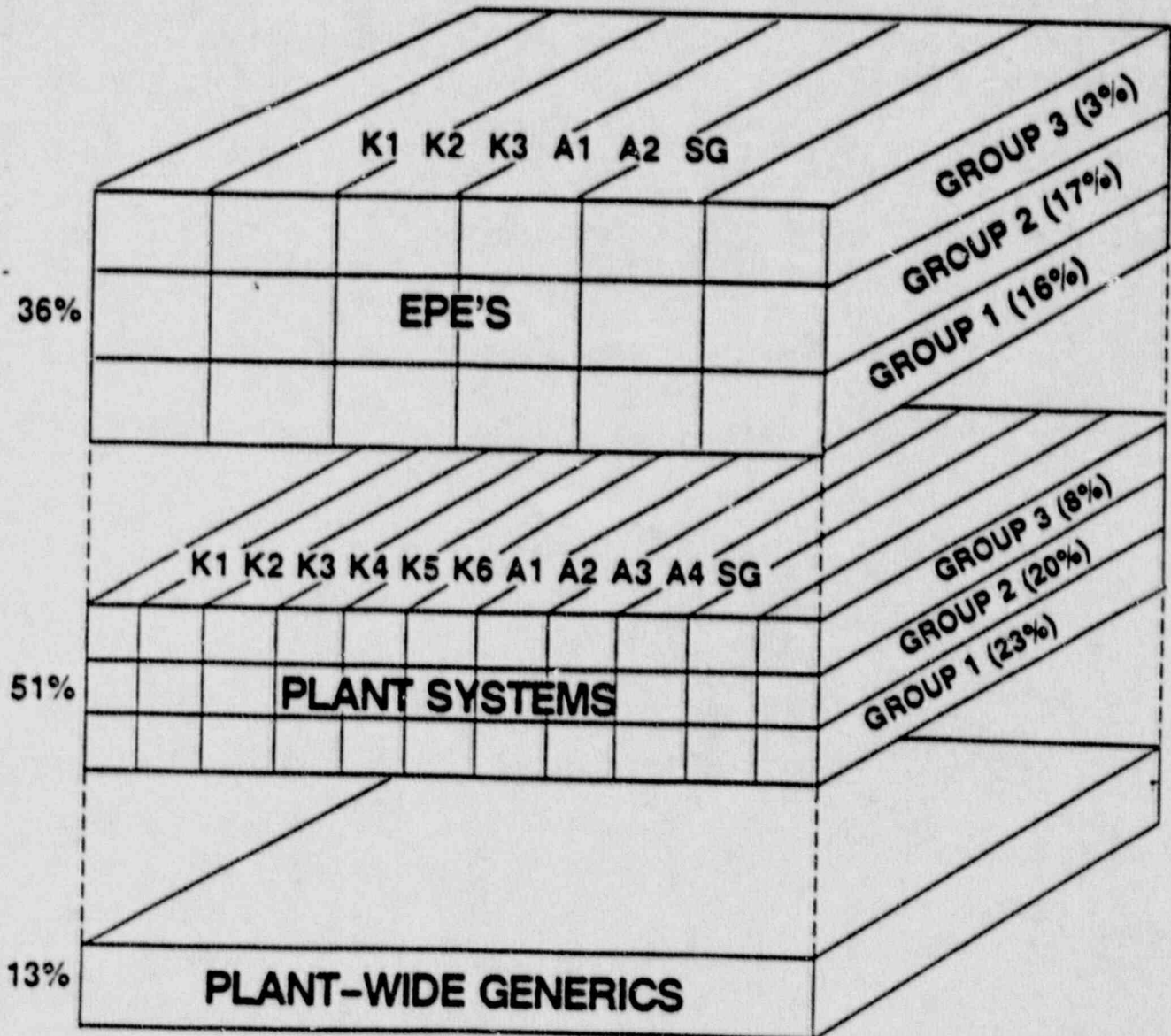
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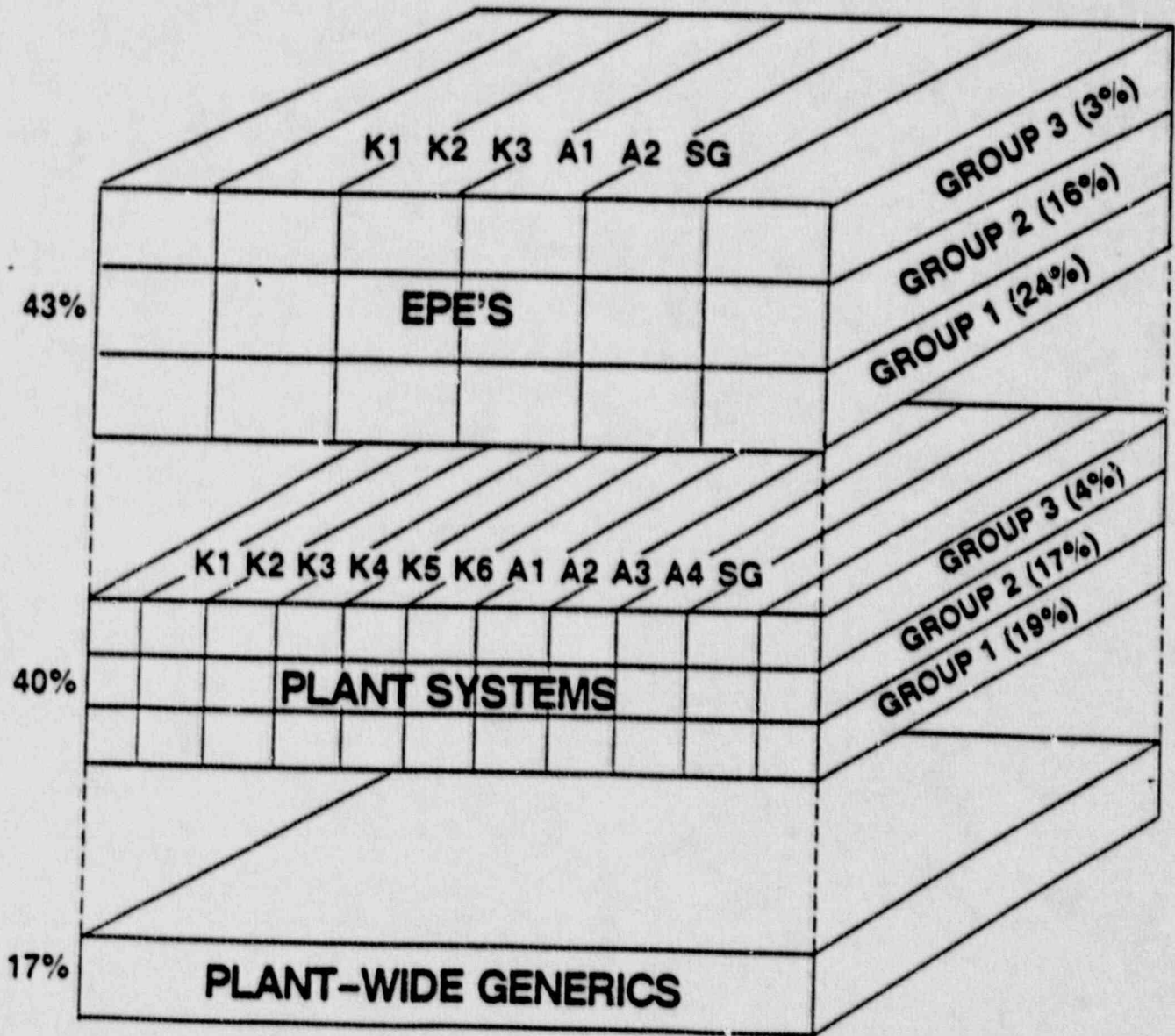
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# SAMPLE PLAN PWR - REACTOR OPERATOR



# SAMPLE PLAN PWR - SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR





UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

(Name),  
Regional Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5)  
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 |
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| (Candidate 2 Name) "            | "             | "                      |
| (Candidate 3 Name) "            | "             | "                      |
| (Candidate 4 Name) "            | "             | "                      |
| (Candidate 5 Name) "            | "             | "                      |
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Sincerely,

Name, title  
Facility