

December 20, 1989

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GENTLEMEN:

SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

In a telephone conversation between Mr. R. Wiggins, Farley Nuclear Plant, Operations Training Supervisor, and Mr. R. McWhorter, Operator Licensing Examiner, NRC Region II, arrangements were made for evaluations of the requalification examination failures for licensed personnel at the Farley Nuclear Plant. The evaluation visit is scheduled for the week of January 29, 1990. For this visit, the NRC examiners will administer the operating and written examinations.

The NRC examiners will discuss with the appropriate facility personnel and operators the schedule and the process for these examinations.

It is requested that an employee be provided to complete the examination team. The employee shall be an active (per the requirements of 10 CFR 55.53(e) or (f)) SRO from the Farley Nuclear Plant Operations Department. If desired by the facility, and agreed to by the Chief Examiner, an additional employee from the Training Department may be a member of the examination team. This employee shall preferably be an active (per the requirements of 10 CFR 55.53(e) or (f)) SRO, but may be a facility or INPO certified instructor. These individuals must not be scheduled for an NRC administered examination during this visit, or participate as instructors once selected. The facility representatives will be required to certify that they did not knowingly compromise any portion of the examination.

The facility representatives shall be restricted (1) from knowingly communicating by any means the content or scope of the exam to unauthorized persons and (2) from participating in any facility programs such as instruction, examination, or tutoring in which an identified requalification examinee(s) will be present. These restrictions shall apply from a date to be determined by the Chief Examiner.

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In addition to these two individuals, the assignment of a simulator operator is requested. The simulator operator will be under examination security restrictions similar to those above. His/her restrictions shall apply from a date to be determined by the Chief Examiner.

The facility management is responsible for providing adequate space and accommodations to properly develop and conduct the examinations. Additionally, in order to ensure an efficient and effective examination, day-shift time on the facility's simulator device must be allocated for both the development and administration periods. Mr. Wiggins has also been informed of these requirements. Also, a facility operations management representative should observe the simulation facility examination process at the site.

The enclosure contains the "NRC Rules and Guidance for Examinees" that will be in effect during the administration of the written examination. The facility management is responsible for ensuring that all operators are aware of these rules.

This request is covered by Office of Management and Budget Clearance Number 3150-0101 which expires May 31, 1992. The estimated average burden is 7.7 hours per response, including gathering, xeroxing, and mailing the required material. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Records and Reports Management Branch, Division of Information Support Services, Office of Information Resources Management, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555; and to the Paperwork Reduction Project (3150-0101), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D. C. 20503.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions on the evaluation process, please contact Mr. John Munro, Chief, Operator Licensing Section 1, at 404/331-5544.

Sincerely,

(original signed by Paul Kellogg)

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Enclosure:
NRC Rules and Guidance
for Examinees

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ENCLOSURE

NRC RULES AND GUIDANCE FOR EXAMINEES

1. Use black ink or dark pencil ONLY to facilitate legible reproductions.
2. Print your name in the blank provided on the cover sheet of the examination.
3. Fill in the date on the cover sheet of the examination, if necessary.
4. Answer each question on the examination. If additional paper is required, use only the lined paper provided by the examiner.
5. Use abbreviations only if they are commonly used in facility literature.
6. The point value for each question is indicated in parentheses after the question and can be used as a guide for the depth of answer required.
7. Show all calculations, methods or assumptions used to obtain an answer to a mathematical problem, whether asked for in the question or not.
8. Unless solicited, the location of references need not be stated.
9. Partial credit may be given. Therefore, ANSWER ALL PARTS OF THE QUESTION AND DO NOT LEAVE ANY ANSWERS BLANK.
10. If parts of the examination are not clear with respect to their intent, ask questions of the examiner only.
11. You must sign the statement on the cover sheet that indicates the work on the examination is your own and that you have not received or been given any assistance in completing the examination. This must be signed AFTER the examination has been completed.
12. Rest room trips are to be limited and only one examinee at a time may leave. You must avoid all contact with anyone outside the examination room to avoid even the appearance or possibility of examination compromise.
13. Cheating on the examination would result in a revocation of your license and could result in more severe penalties.
14. Each section of the examination is designed to take approximately 90 minutes to complete. You will be given two hours to complete each section for a total of four hours.

15. Due to the existence of questions that will require all examinees to refer to the same indications or controls, particular care must be taken to maintain individual examination security and avoid any possibility of compromise or appearance of cheating.
16. When you are finished and have turned in your completed examination, the proctor will provide guidance on leaving the examination area.
17. Proportional grading will be applied. Any additional wrong information that is provided may count against you. For example, if a question is worth one point and asks for four responses, each of which is worth 0.25 points, and you give five responses, each of your responses will be worth 0.20 points. If one of your five responses is incorrect, 0.20 will be deducted and your total credit for that question will be 0.80 instead of 1.00 even though you got the four correct answers.