

February 24, 1994

Docket No. 50-331

IES Utilities Incorporated  
ATTN: Mr. Lee Liu  
Chairman of the Board  
and Chief Executive  
Officer

IE Towers  
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Dear Mr. Liu:

In a telephone conversation between Mr. Michael E. Bielby, Principal Examiner, and Mr. Wayne Render, Training Supervisor, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing and requalification retake examinations at the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC).

The written and operating examinations are scheduled for the week of June 6, 1994. Your staff will be given an opportunity to review the licensing examinations in accordance with the guidelines in Revision 7 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examiner Standards," (ES-201, Attachment 4) during the week of May 23, 1994.

To prepare the examinations and meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 by April 6, 1994. Any delay in receiving approved and indexed reference material or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete reference material may result in the examinations being rescheduled.

The NRC will prepare and administer the written examinations in accordance with ES-401 and ES-402 of NUREG-1021. In order to conduct the requested examinations, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations on the date noted above. The NRC's guidelines for administering the written examinations are described in ES-402, Attachment 1.

The NRC will prepare and administer the operating tests in accordance with ES-301 and ES-302 of NUREG-1021. In order to conduct the requested operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. Your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

ES-402, Attachment 2, and ES-302, Attachment 1, contain a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examination and operating tests are being administered.

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Your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications and waiver requests at least 30 days before the first examination date so that the NRC will be able to review the applications and the medical certifications and evaluate any requested waivers. If the applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. Final, signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

This request is covered by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Clearance Number 3150-0101, which expires October 31, 1995. The estimated average burden is 7.7 hours per response, including gathering, copying 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 Information and Records Management Branch, MNBB-7714, 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 Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-3019, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions regarding the examination procedures and requirements, please contact Dell McNeil at (708) 829-9737.

Sincerely,

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