

January 17, 1984

Tennessee Valley Authority
ATTN: Mr. H. J. Green
Director of Nuclear Power
1750 Chestnut Street, Tower II
Chattanooga, TN 37401

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: OPERATOR AND SENIOR OPERATOR REQUALIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

This correspondence is to confirm arrangements for our administration of requalification examinations at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. The requalification examinations are intended to evaluate the effectiveness of actions you have taken to strengthen your operator training program since the last requalification examination on November 18, 1983.

We will administer written examinations to approximately 25% of your licensed reactor operators and senior reactor operators on March 16, 1984. We will also administer oral examination to approximately 10% of your licensed operators during the week of March 19, 1984. Individuals to be examined will be selected from those licensed individuals assigned duties in operations, training, management, and technical support. One week prior to the examinations, we will provide you with a list of the selected candidates, along with several alternates. Alternate candidates will be examined in lieu of selected candidates only when those selected cannot be made available.

The written and oral examinations will be similar in scope and format to licensing examinations previously administered by the NRC at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. Both written and oral examinations will be operationally oriented and will emphasize those areas where past examinations have revealed weaknesses in your training program.

The passing criteria for an individual will be the same as those required on NRC administered licensing examinations. If an individual fails either the oral or written examination, that individual must be removed from licensed duties, retrained, and reevaluated prior to resuming licensed duties. We intend to use reference material supplied in support of the March 16, 1984, replacement examinations in preparing for the requalification examinations as well. Any additional reference material you desire to make available should be furnished prior to February 3, 1984.

We request that you provide adequate space and facilities at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant to allow concurrent administration of both the requalification and the replacement written examinations confirmed for the same date by correspondence dated December 16, 1983. The enclosure, "Administration of Operator Licensing Written Examinations", describes our space and facility requirements. The facility Training Department has been informed of these requirements.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions regarding the examination procedures or requirements, please contact Mr. Bruce A. Wilson, 404/221-5542.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by DMVerrelli)

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ENCLOSURE

ADMINISTRATION OF OPERATOR
LICENSING WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

Operator Licensing Branch Requirements:

1. A single room shall be provided for completing the written examination. The location of this room and supporting restroom facilities shall be such as to prevent contact with all other facility/contractor personnel during the duration of the written examination. If necessary, the facility should make arrangements for the use of a suitable room at a local school, motel, or other building. Obtaining this room is the responsibility of the licensee.
2. Minimum spacing is one candidate per 5 X 2½ ft., minimum size table with 3 foot spacing between tables. No wall charts, models, and/or other training materials shall be present in the examining room.
3. Suitable arrangements are to be made by the facility for the candidates to have lunch, coffee, etc. These arrangements will be reviewed by the examiner and/or proctor.
4. The facility will provide pads of paper for each candidate's use in completing the examination. All reference material needed to complete the examination will be furnished by the examiner. Candidates can bring calculators or slide rules but no other equipment or reference material to the examination room.
5. Only black ink should be used for writing answers to questions.