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Subject: Duane Arnold Energy Center
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Op. License No: DPR-49
Operating Licensing Examinations

Reference: NRC Generic Letter 91-12, dated August 27, 1991
Iowa Electric Letter NG-91-3169, dated October 15, 1991

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Dear Mr. Wright:

The purpose of this letter is to request a change of exam dates for NRC administered licensed operator requal and initial license exams. Currently we conduct the requal exam each June and the initial license exam each December according to the National Exam Schedule. We would like to change the sequence so that the initial license exams are given in June and the requal exams in December. This change will allow us to begin an initial license class this summer and not change our exam months on the National Exam Schedule. We would like to start an initial license class this July in order to support adding an additional licensed operator to our shift crews. We do not intend to use the month of December, 1992 for any exams.

We will be conducting requal exams the week of June 8, 1992. We propose to schedule the next requal exam in December, 1993 in order to free up June, 1993 for initial license exams. All licensed operators whose licenses expire through 1994 will be examined this year with the exception of two individuals. These two individuals will have two opportunities to take NRC requal exams prior to their licenses expiring in 1994.

Enclosures 1 and 2 to this letter provide our best estimate of the number of candidates to be examined during each period assigned to us by the National Exam Schedule. Enclosure 3 provides an estimate of candidate numbers for the Generic Fundamentals Exam.

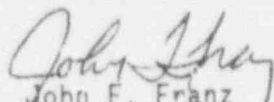
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We recognize that we are requesting a change to your exam schedule plans for 1993, and will be flexible on exam dates if you are willing to help us to achieve our goal of conducting initial license exams in mid-1993. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Frank Van Etten, Training Supervisor-Operations at (319) 851-7569.

Very truly yours,


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Attachments: Enclosures 1, 2, and 3

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INITIAL EXAMS

PROPOSED OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FORMAT

| FACILITY | <u>Duane Arnold Energy Center</u> | | NRC REGION | <u>III</u> | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | FY 1992 (10/1/91- 9/30/92) | FY 1993 (10/1/92- 9/30/93) | FY 1994 (10/1/93- 9/30/94) | FY 1995 (10/1/94- 9/30/95) | |
| 1. Assigned Date (GL 89-03) | _____ | June, 1993 | June, 1994 | _____ | |
| #RO | <u>0</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>0</u> | |
| #SRO Instant | <u>0</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>0</u> | |
| #SRO Upgrade | <u>0</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> | |
| #SRO Limited | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | |
| 2. Assigned Date (GL 89-03) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| #RO | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| #SRO Instant | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| #SRO Upgrade | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| #SRO Limited | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |

* Initial exams requested to be administered in June

REQUALIFICATION EXAMS

PROPOSED OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FORMAT

| FACILITY | <u>Duane Arnold Energy Center</u> | | NRC REGION | <u>III</u> | |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | FY 1992 (10/1/91- 9/30/92) | FY 1993 (10/1/92- 9/30/93) | FY 1994 (10/1/93- 9/30/94) | FY 1995 (10/1/94- 9/30/95) | |
| 1. Date | <u>June, 1992</u> | <u>No NRC exam administered</u> | <u>December, 1993</u> | <u>December, 1994</u> | |
| 2. Date | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | |
| 3. Date | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | |
| 4. Date | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | |
| 5. Date | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | |

* Requal exams requested to be administered in December.

ESTIMATION FOR GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAM

FACILITY Duane Arnold Energy Center NRC REGION III

| | OCTOBER 1992 | FEBRUARY 1993 | JUNE 1993 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| Estimated Number of Candidates | <u>5</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |