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President, Nuclear
Houston Lighting & Power Company
P.O. Box 289
Wadsworth, TX 77483

SUBJECT: GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS SECTION OF THE WRITTEN OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION

Dear Mr. Cottle:

The NRC plans to administer a Generic Fundamentals Examination Section (GFES) of the written operator licensing examination at your facility on October 8, 1997. The GFES will consist of 100 questions. The maximum time allowed to complete the examination is 3 hours and the passing score will be 80 percent.

In order to nominate candidates, an authorized representative from your facility must submit a letter listing the names of candidates for the examination to the appropriate NRC Regional Administrator and to the Chief, Operator Licensing Branch. The letter must be received both in the Region and at NRC Headquarters by September 8, 1997, in order to allow us to assign docket numbers to the candidates and to make preparations for shipping the examinations to you for administration. The letter must certify that the candidates will have completed their fundamentals training by the date of the examination and are enrolled in your training program leading to an NRC operator or senior operator license. The letter must also list the names of personnel you will be using to proctor the examination and the address to which the examinations should be sent. A sample registration letter is enclosed.

The address for the Operator Licensing Branch Chief is as follows:

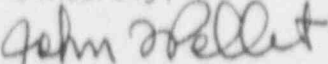
Robert M. Gallo, Chief
Operator Licensing Branch
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20555

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Approximately 2 weeks prior to the examination administration date, your designated facility contact will be sent a letter delineating examination particulars (i.e., proctor responsibilities, student I.D. numbers, etc.)

Sincerely,


Arthur T. Howell III, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Dockets: 50-498

50-499

Licenses: NPF-76

NPF-80

Enclosure: As stated

cc w/enclosure:

Ken Coates, Manager

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Enclosure

Sample Registration Letter

(Name)
Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region (Number)
(Street Address)
(City, State Zip Code)

Dear (Name),

(Facility name) requests to have the (number) individuals listed below take the (specify BWR or PWR) generic fundamentals examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination to be administered on (date). All the personnel are enrolled in the (facility name) operator licensing training program and will have completed the generic fundamentals portion of the program by the examination date.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Previous Docket No.</u>
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(Insert the name, date of birth, and the previous Part 55 Docket Number (if applicable) for each person.)

The following personnel will have access to the examinations before they are administered:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
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(Insert the name and title of each person who will be given access to the examinations before they are administered (e.g., proctors).

The examinations should be sent to the following address:

Name, Title
Address
City, State Zip Code

If you have any questions please contact (facility contact name) at (telephone number).

Sincerely,

Name, title

cc:
Chief, Operator Licensing Branch

bcc to DCB (IE42)

bcc distribution by RIV:

DRP Branch Chief

Resident Inspector

T. Alexion, NRR (OWFN 13-H-3)

Leah Tremper, OC/DAF/LFARB (TWFN 9-E-10)

RIV file

L. Miller, TTC

E. W. Merschhoff, RA

L. A. Hurley, GFES file

DOCUMENT NAME: GFES1

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