



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
REGION I
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January 12, 2021

THIS LETTER IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING DOCKET NUMBERS:

Beaver Valley Power Station, Docket Nos. 50-334 and 50-412
Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Docket Nos. 50-317 and 50-318
James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant, Docket No. 50-333
R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, LLC, Docket No. 50-244
Hope Creek Generating Station, Docket No. 50-354
Indian Point Energy Center, Docket No. 50-286
Limerick Generating Station, Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353
Millstone Power Station, Docket Nos. 50-336 and 50-423
Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Docket Nos. 50-220 and 50-410
Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Docket Nos. 50-277 and 50-278
Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Docket Nos. 50-272 and 50-311
Seabrook Station, Docket No. 50-443
Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388

**SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION SECTION
OF THE WRITTEN OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION FOR 2021**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) plans to administer the generic fundamentals examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination on the following dates during this calendar year:

March 10, 2021

September 8, 2021

Due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, it is preferable to register personnel to take the GFE electronically, through <https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operator-licensing/electronic-gfe-registration-info.html>.

To register personnel to take the GFE by email, an authorized representative of your facility can submit a letter, which is an enclosure to this correspondence, addressed to the appropriate regional administrator, with a copy addressed, as follows:

Chief, Operator Licensing and Human Factors Branch, NRR
Mail Stop O4 A17M
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

The letter is to be sent via email, as a password-protected document, to:
Cyndy Bixler, Region I Operator Licensing Assistant, Cyndy.Bixler@nrc.gov with a copy to:
lkeda.Betts@nrc.gov (Headquarters Operator Licensing Assistant).

To register personnel to take the GFE by mail, an authorized representative of your facility can submit a letter to the appropriate regional administrator with a copy addressed, as follows:

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Pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Section 55.31(a)(3), an applicant for an operator license must submit a written request from an authorized representative of the facility licensee by which the applicant will be employed that the written examination and operating test be administered to the applicant. The NRC permits a request for administration of the GFE section of the written exam to be made and granted prior to the applicant's successful completion of the facility licensee's requirements to be licensed as an operator or senior operator and prior to the facility licensee's certification of the need for an operator or a senior operator to perform assigned duties. However, the facility licensee should only request administration of the GFE section of the written exam for applicants who will have completed fundamentals training by the date of the examination.

The letter should identify the individuals who will take the examination. The letter should also identify the personnel who will have access to the examinations before they are administered (e.g., proctors) and include the address and name of the individual to whom the examinations are to be sent.

To allow the NRC to assign docket numbers, both the NRC Regional Administrator and the Chief, Operator Licensing and Human Factors Branch, should receive your letter **30 calendar days before each desired examination date** shown above. A sample registration letter is enclosed.

Copies of the administered boiling-water reactor and pressurized-water reactor GFEs and their answer keys will be available for review in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) immediately after administration of the second subsequent GFE. The NRC will also update its GFE Web page, <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operator-licensing/generic-fundamentals-examinations.html>, at that time.

Please note that the NRC staff proposes to incorporate the testing of generic fundamentals topics into the NRC operator licensing initial examination (site-specific examination) in draft Revision 12 of NUREG-1021 "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors" (ADAMS Accession No. [ML20329A326](#)). The draft NUREG is currently available for public comment.

If you have any questions concerning this examination, please contact Skylar Cushing at 301-415-1064.

Sincerely,

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Signed by: Donald E. Jackson

Donald E. Jackson, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

cc: Distribution via ListServ

Enclosure:
As stated

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION SECTION OF THE WRITTEN OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION FOR 2021 DATED JANUARY 12, 2021.

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Mr. David Lew
Region I, Regional Administrator
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
2100 Renaissance Blvd., Suite 100
King of Prussia, PA 19406-2713

Dear Mr. Lew:

(Facility name) requests approval from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to have the following (number) individuals take the (BWR or PWR) generic fundamentals examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination to be administered on (date):

<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Previous Docket No.</u>
<i>(Last name, first name and middle initial)</i>		

(Insert the name, date of birth, and previous Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 55 Docket Number (if applicable) for each person.)

The registrants should have completed the generic fundamentals portion of the training program by the examination date and are expected to meet all other requirements of 10 CFR 55.31 in the future.

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

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

Please address the examinations to the **overnight mail** address, as follows (note that home addresses are not acceptable):

Name, Title
Street 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 and Human Factors Branch, NRR
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D. E. Jackson, Chief, Region I/DRS/OB

Enclosure