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January 11, 2021

THIS LETTER DISTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING DOCKET NUMBERS:

Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260 and 50-296
Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Docket Nos. 50-325 and 50-324
Catawba Nuclear Station, Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414
Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-348 and 50-364
Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Docket No. 50-400
E. I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-321 and 50-366
McGuire Nuclear Station, Docket Nos. 50-369 and 50-370
North Anna Power Station, Docket Nos. 50-338 and 50-339
Oconee Nuclear Station, Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270 and 50-287
H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Docket No. 50-261
St. Lucie Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-335 and 50-389
Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328
Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Docket No. 50-395
Surry Power Station, Docket Nos. 50-280 and 50-281
Turkey Point Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-250 and 50-251
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Docket Nos. 50-424, 50-425, 52-025 and 52-026
Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-390 and 50-391

**SUBJECT: ANNUAL LETTER - GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE)
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:

Date of GFE exams for 2021	Date registration letters from facilities due to NRC
March 10, 2021	February 8, 2021
September 8, 2021	August 9, 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>, or through encrypted email to the OLA in your region and a copy to the headquarters OLA at Ikeda.Betts@nrc.gov.

To register personnel to take the GFE by mail, an authorized representative of your facility can submit a letter to Ms. Laura Dudes, Regional Administrator, Region II, with a copy of the letter addressed, as follows:

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

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,

/RA/

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ADAMS ACCESSION NUMBER: **ML21019A393**

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SAMPLE REGISTRATION LETTER

Laura Dudes
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Dear Ms. Dudes,

(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>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Previous Docket No.</u>
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(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>
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(Insert the name and title of each person who will have access to the examinations before they are administered (e.g., proctors)).

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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Enclosure