



UNITED STATES
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THIS LETTER DISTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING DOCKET NUMBERS:

Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-313; 50-368
Callaway Plant, Docket No.: 50-483
Columbia Generating Station, Docket No.: 50-397
Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-445; 50-446
Cooper Nuclear Station, Docket No.: 50-298
Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-275; 50-323
Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Docket No.: 50-416
Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, Docket Nos.: 50-528; 50-529; 50-530
River Bend Station, Docket No.: 50-458
South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-498; 50-499
Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, Docket No.: 50-382
Wolf Creek Generating Station, Docket No.: 50-482

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>, or through encrypted email to the OLA in your region and a copy to the headquarters OLA at lkeda.Betts@nrc.gov. 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:

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,

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Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosure:
As stated

Scott Morris
Regional Administrator
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission Region IV
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Arlington, TX 76011-4511

Dear (Name),

(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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