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SUBJECT: DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION – CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL
LICENSE EXAMINATION

Dear Terry Brown:

In a telephone conversation on June 12, 2023, between D. Rowland, Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station Exam Lead, and G. Roach, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of operator licensing examinations at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station during the weeks of January 8 and 15, 2024.

As agreed upon during the telephone conversation, the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 12 to NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors."

To meet the above schedule, your staff has furnished the agreed upon reference materials identified in NUREG-1021, Examination Standard (ES)-2.1, Section F, "Reference Material for Operator Licensing Initial Examinations." Additional requests may be made as examination development progresses.

The outline for the written examination was provided to your staff for review and comment and feedback has been received from your staff. The operating test outlines for the Job Performance Measures (JPMs) and the required dynamic scenarios and all new or modified JPMs will be available for your staff's review and comment prior to the pre-onsite validation visit scheduled for the week of September 11, 2023. The NRC developed written exam will be provided to your staff prior to October 2, 2023, and the facility developed operating test will be provided to the NRC for review prior to October 26, 2023. The NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of December 4, 2023. All materials shall be complete and ready to use.

We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or Safeguards Information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. Delays in receiving the required materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be cancelled or rescheduled.

To conduct the requested written examinations and operating tests, your staff will need to provide adequate space and accommodations and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-3.5, "Administering Operating Tests," your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the NRC takes licensing action on all the applications and any adjudicatory actions on any hearing demands are complete. ES-1.2, "Guidelines for Taking NRC Examinations," contains a number of NRC guidelines for the written examinations and operating tests as they are being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator waiver or excusal requests (if any) (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 3150-0090) at least 60 days before the first examination date (if possible). Contact G. Roach to determine the method for submission of the waiver or excusal requests. Preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (OMB Control Number 3150-0090) and medical certifications (OMB Control Number 3150-0024) should be submitted at least 30 days before the first examination date. If the NRC does not receive the preliminary applications at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. Final signed applications certifying that all training has been completed and requesting any waivers or excusals, as applicable, should be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

Although the guidelines for waiver or excusal requests call for their receipt at least 30 days before the first examination date (preliminary) and 14 days before the first examination date (final), the requests should be submitted as early as possible in the process (see the 60-day guideline above). Resolutions resulting from verbal inquiries by the facility licensee to the NRC are not binding. Submittals addressing waivers or excusals, or both, should be in writing (i.e., using NRC Form 398 or as directed by G. Roach when contacting him to determine the method for submission). The NRC will document its final decision on whether to grant a waiver or excusal on the final (not preliminary) NRC Form 398 submitted for the applicant. The NRC will not provide its decision until the final application is submitted to the agency.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. D. Rowland has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact G. Roach, Chief Examiner, at 630-829-9760 or myself at 630-829-9587.

Sincerely,



Signed by Nguyen, April
on 06/13/23

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