

New Plant Licensed Operator Training

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**New Plant
Licensed Operator Task Force**



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Topics

- **New Plant Experience Requirements**
- **Simulator Training for New Plants**
- **Cold License Process**
- **Knowledge & Ability Catalogs**
- **Industry Administered Initial Exams**

Simulator Training For New Plants

- **Limited Scope Simulator Usage**
 - **Temporary Condition**
 - **Facilitates early start of Operator Training**
- **Licensed Operator Exam on Plant Reference Simulator**

Simulator Training For New Plants

- **NEI to provide technical paper on this topic to NRC staff that demonstrates how this process meets the existing regulatory guidance**

New Plant Experience Requirements - Issues

- **Training and qualification requirements in 10 CFR 55 and 10 CFR 50.120**
 - **Reg. Guide 1.8 endorses ANSI 3.1 with exceptions**
- **Problems with prior experience requirements**
 - **Six months of experience at facility**
 - **RO, one year at facility and six months as NLO at facility**
 - **SRO, one year at facility as a RO**
- **Limited duration for each site**

New Plant Experience Requirements – Path Forward

- **Industry to Prepare Interim Guideline for NRC Endorsement**
 - **Alternative experience requirements**
 - **Leverage technology**
 - **Use operating experience**
 - **Use international standards**
 - **Similar situation addressed in 1984**
- **Update Regulatory Guide 1.8**

Cold License Process

- **Limited Duration Issues**
 - **Experience requirements**
 - **Plant reference simulator**
 - **OJT**
 - **JPMs**
 - **Reactivity manipulations**
 - **Six weeks at > 20% power**
- **NEI to provide technical paper that defines a path forward**

K&A Catalogs

- **Complete a gap analysis for each reactor type**
- **Define “generic information” for all reactor types**
- **Modify existing NUREGS as necessary**
- **Develop new NUREGs for passive designs?**
- **Opportunities**
 - **JTAs versus KAs – separate catalogs needed?**
 - **Process for accomplishing changes / re-writes**
 - **Resources to get changes done**
 - **Document type – NUREG? NEI Guideline? INPO?**

Industry Administered Initial Exams

- **Substantial Number of New Operators**
- **Simulators**
- **Related Experience**
- **Conceptual Approach to Operator Licensing for New Plants**

Conceptual Approach

Roles

- **Industry**
- **INPO**
- **NRC**

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Roles - Industry

- **Industry examiners qualified to industry standards**
- **Industry-administered Generic Fundamentals Examination (GFE)**
- **Industry-administered site-specific training program**
- **Industry-administered site-specific examination**
- **Industry recommended decision on exam results**

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Roles - INPO

- **Continue to accredit nuclear training programs**
- **Manage and Oversee Generic Fundamentals Program**
- **Accreditation of a License Examination Administration Program**

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Roles – NRC

- **Review and approve candidate applications**
- **Review and approve exam results**
- **Issue license**
- **Oversight and inspection maintains regulatory authority**

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Next steps

- **Industry**
- **INPO**
- **NRC**

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Questions and Comments