

(c) Provide for the terms and conditions to maintain and renew these licenses.

#### § 55.2 Scope.

The regulations in this part apply to—

(a) Any individual who manipulates the controls of any utilization facility licensed pursuant to part 50 of this chapter, and

(b) Any individual designated by a facility licensee to be responsible for directing any licensed activity of a licensed operator.

(c) Any facility license.

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#### § 55.3 License requirements.

A person must be authorized by a license issued by the Commission to perform the function of an operator or a senior operator as defined in this part.

#### § 55.4 Definitions.

As used in this part:

*Act* means the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, including any amendments to the Act.

*Actively performing the functions of an operator or senior operator* means that an individual has a position on the shift crew that requires the individual to be licensed as defined in the facility's technical specifications, and that the individual carries out and is responsible for the duties covered by that position.

*Commission* means the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or its duly authorized representatives.

*Controls* when used with respect to a nuclear reactor means apparatus and mechanisms the manipulation of which directly affects the reactivity or power level of the reactor.

*Facility* means any utilization facility as defined in part 50 of this chapter. In cases for which a license is issued for operation of two or more facilities, *facility* means all facilities identified in the license.

*Facility licensee* means an applicant for or holder of a license for a facility.

*Licensee* means an individual licensed operator or senior operator.

*Operator* means any individual licensed under this part to manipulate a control of a facility.

*Performance testing* means testing conducted to verify a simulation facility's performance as compared to actual or predicted reference plant performance.

*Physician* means an individual licensed by a State or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to dispense drugs in the practice of medicine.

*Plant-referenced simulator* means a simulator modeling the systems of the reference plant with which the operator interfaces in the control room, including operating consoles, and which permits use of the reference plant's procedures. A plant-referenced simulator demonstrates expected plant response to operator input, and to normal, transient, and accident conditions to which the simulator has been designed to respond.

*Reference plant* means the specific nuclear power plant from which a simulation facility's control room configuration, system control arrangement, and design data are derived.

*Senior operator* means any individual licensed under this part to manipulate the controls of a facility and to direct the licensed activities of licensed operators.

*Simulation facility* means one or more of the following components, alone or in combination, used for the partial conduct of operating tests for operators, senior operators, and candidates:

- (1) The plant,
- (2) A plant-referenced simulator,
- (3) Another simulation device.

*Systems approach to training* means a training program that includes the following five elements:

- (1) Systematic analysis of the jobs to be performed.
- (2) Learning objectives derived from the analysis which describe desired performance after training.
- (3) Training design and implementation based on the learning objectives.
- (4) Evaluation of trainee mastery of the objectives during training.
- (5) Evaluation and revision of the training based on the performance of trained personnel in the job setting.

*United States*, when used in a geographical sense, includes Puerto Rico and all territories and possessions of the United States.

#### § 55.5 Communications.

(a) Except as provided under a regional licensing program identified in paragraph (b) of this section, an applicant or licensee or facility licensee shall submit any communication or report concerning the regulations in this part and shall submit any application filed under these regulations to the Commission as follows:

(1) By mail addressed to—Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, or

(2) By delivery in person to the Commission's offices at 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC, or at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

(b)(1) Except for test and research reactor facilities, the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has delegated to the Regional Administrators of Regions I, II, III, and IV authority and responsibility pursuant to the regulations in this part for the issuance and renewal of licenses for operators and senior operators of nuclear power reactors licensed under 10 CFR part 50 and located in these regions.

(2) Any application for a license or license renewal filed under the regulations in this part involving a nuclear power reactor licensed under 10 CFR part 50 and any related inquiry, communication, information, or report must be submitted by mail or in person to the Regional Administrator. The Regional Administrator or the Administrator's designee will transmit to the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation any matter that is not within the scope of the Regional Administrator's delegated authority.

(i) If the nuclear power reactor is located in Region I, submission must be made to the Regional Administrator, Region I, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

(ii) If the nuclear power reactor is located in Region II, submission must be made to the Regional Administrator, Region II, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission, 101 Marietta Street, suite 2900, Atlanta, GA 30323.

(iii) If the nuclear power reactor is located in Region III, submission must be made to the Regional Administrator, Region III, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL 60532-4351.

(iv) If the nuclear power reactor is located in Region IV, submission must be made to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, suite 1000, Arlington, TX 76011.

(3)(i) Any application for a license or license renewal filed under the regulations in this part involving a test and research reactor facility licensed under 10 CFR part 50 and any related inquiry, communication, information, or report must be submitted by mail or in person to the Division of Licensee Performance and Quality Evaluation at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters in Washington, DC.

(ii) For all test and research reactor facilities located in Regions I, II, III, and IV, submissions must be made to the Director, Division of Licensee Performance and Quality Evaluation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Attention: Operator Licensing Branch.

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#### § 55.6 Interpretations.

Except as specifically authorized by the Commission in writing, no interpretation of the meaning of the regulations in this part by any officer or employee of the Commission other than a written interpretation by the General Counsel will be recognized to be binding upon the Commission.

#### § 55.7 Additional requirements.

The Commission may, by rule, regulation, or order, impose upon any licensee such requirements, in addition to those established in the regulations in this part, as it deems appropriate or necessary to protect health and to minimize danger to life or property.