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September 21, 2001

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Sir:

In the Matter of	)	Docket Nos.	50-259
Tennessee Valley Authority	)		50-260
			50-296

**BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - REPLY TO NRC REGULATORY  
ISSUE SUMMARY (RIS) 2001-17, PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING OF  
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS**

This letter responds to the subject NRC RIS dated August 22, 2001. In the RIS, NRC requested specific information related to: (A) proposed examination preparation schedule for the number of examinations that need to be prepared during calendar years (CY) 2002-2005, (B) schedule for initial operator license examinations, including the number of applicants to be tested and the proposed primary and alternate dates of the examinations, and (C) proposed generic fundamentals examination (GFE) schedule, including the number of candidates that plan to take the GFE in CY 2002 through 2005.

Enclosed is a completed NRC FORM 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data, which provides BFN's current schedules for the specific information requested in the RIS.

Although 10 CFR 55, Operator Licenses, allows licensees to select who will prepare, proctor, and grade examinations required by 10 CFR 55.41 and 55.43, BFN does not plan to prepare the listed examinations scheduled to be administered at BFN during calendar years 2002 through 2005.

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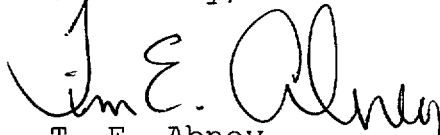
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If you have any questions concerning our request for NRC to continue to prepare our examinations or our proposed examination schedules, please contact T. L. Chinn at (256) 729-3439.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE

## Enclosure

### Operator Licensing Examination Data (Data as defined on NRC Form 536)

FACILITY  <b>BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT</b>			NRC REGION  <b>II</b>	
<b>A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE</b>				
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY02	CY03	CY04	CY05
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	0	1	1
<b>B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS</b>				
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY02	CY03	CY04	CY05
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	4	0	4	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	0	2	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	4	0	2	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>				
PRIMARY DATE	December 16	N/A	March 29	October 24
ALTERNATE DATE	December 9	N/A	April 5	October 17
<b>C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE</b>				
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY02	CY03	CY04	CY05
	None	February 5	June 9	October 5
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	4	4	4