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Docket Nos. 50-259/260/296

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Dear Mr. Parris:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment Nos. 112, 106 and 80 to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52 and DPR-68 for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1, 2 and 3. These amendments are in response to your application dated February 22, 1984 (TVA BFNP TS 196).

The amendments change the Technical Specifications to revise the Group 1 isolation valve reactor water level setpoint from 470 inches above vessel zero to 378 inches above vessel zero.

A copy of the Safety Evaluation is also enclosed.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Clark, Project Manager
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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 112 to License No. DPR-33
2. Amendment No. 106 to License No. DPR-52
3. Amendment No. 80 to License No. DPR-68
4. Safety Evaluation

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 50-259

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 112
License No. DPR-33

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee) dated February 22, 1984, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment and paragraph 2.C(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-33 is hereby amended to read as follows:

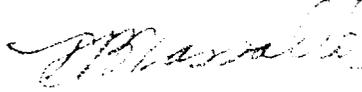
(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 112, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

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3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: September 19, 1984

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 112

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-33

DOCKET NO. 50-259

Revise Appendix A as follows:

1. Remove the following pages and replace with identically numbered pages.

11, 55, 111, 112, 254, 277

2. The marginal lines on these pages denote the area being changed.

1.1 FUEL CLADDING INTEGRITYB. Power Transient

To ensure that the Safety Limits established in Specification 1.1.A are not exceeded, each required scram shall be initiated by its expected scram signal. The Safety Limit shall be assumed to be exceeded when scram is accomplished by means other than the expected scram signal.

C. Reactor Vessel Water Level

Whenever there is irradiated fuel in the reactor vessel, the water level shall not be less than 17.7 in. above the top of the normal active fuel zone.

2.1 FUEL CLADDING INTEGRITYB. Power Transient Trip Settings

1. Scram and isolation (PCIS groups 2,3,6) reactor low water level \geq 538 in. above vessel zero
2. Scram--turbine stop valve closure \leq 10 percent valve closure
3. Scram--turbine control valve fast closure or turbine trip \geq 550 psig
4. Scram--low condenser vacuum \geq 23 inches Hg vacuum
5. Scram--main steam line isolation \leq 10 percent valve closure
6. Main steam isolation valve closure --nuclear system low pressure \geq 825 psig

C. Water Level Trip Settings

1. Core spray and LPCI actuation--reactor low water level \geq 378 in. above vessel zero
2. HPCI and RCIC actuation--reactor low water level \geq 470 in. above vessel zero
3. Main steam isolation valve closure--reactor low water level \geq 378 in. above vessel zero

Amendment Nos. 40, 54, 85, 108, 112

**TABLE J.2.A
PRIMARY CONTAINMENT AND REACTOR BUILDING ISOLATION INSTRUMENTATION**

Minimum No. Instrument Channels Operable per Trip Sys(1)(11)	Function	Trip Level Setting	Action (1)	Remarks
2	Instrument Channel - Reactor Low Water Level (6)	≥ 538" above vessel zero	A or (B and Z)	1. Below trip setting does the following: a. Initiates Reactor Building Isolation b. Initiates Primary Containment Isolation (Groups 2, 3, and 6) c. Initiates SGTS
1	Instrument Channel - Reactor High Pressure	100 ± 15 psig	D	1. Above trip setting isolates the shutdown cooling suction valves of the RHR system.
2	Instrument Channel - Reactor Low Water Level (LIS-3-56A-D, SW #1)	≥ 378" above vessel zero	A	1. Below trip setting initiates Main Steam Line Isolation
2	Instrument Channel - High Drywell Pressure (6) (PS-64-56A-D)	≤ 2.5 psig	A or (B and Z)	1. Above trip setting does the following: a. Initiates Reactor Building Isolation b. Initiates Primary Containment Isolation c. Initiates SGTS
2	Instrument Channel - High Radiation Main Steam Line Tunnel (6)	3 times normal rated full power background (13)	B	1. Above trip setting initiates Main Steam Line Isolation
2	Instrument Channel - Low Pressure Main Steam Line	≥ 2,825 psig (8)	B	1. Below trip setting initiates Main Steam Line Isolation
2 (3)	Instrument Channel - High Flow Main Steam Line	≤ 140% of rated steam flow	B	1. Above trip setting initiates Main Steam Line Isolation

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3.2 BASES

In addition to reactor protection instrumentation which initiates a reactor scram, protective instrumentation has been provided which initiates action to mitigate the consequences of accidents which are beyond the operator's ability to control, or terminates operator errors before they result in serious consequences. This set of specifications provides the limiting conditions of operation for the primary system isolation function, initiation of the core cooling systems, control rod block and standby gas treatment systems. The objectives of the Specifications are (i) to assure the effectiveness of the protective instrumentation when required by preserving its capability to tolerate a single failure of any component of such systems even during periods when portions of such systems are out of service for maintenance, and (ii) to prescribe the trip settings required to assure adequate performance. When necessary, one channel may be made inoperable for brief intervals to conduct required functional tests and calibrations.

Some of the settings on the instrumentation that initiate or control core and containment cooling have tolerances explicitly stated where the high and low values are both critical and may have a substantial effect on safety. The set points of other instrumentation, where only the high or low end of the setting has a direct bearing on safety, are chosen at a level away from the normal operating range to prevent inadvertent actuation of the safety system involved and exposure to abnormal situations.

Actuation of primary containment valves is initiated by protective instrumentation shown in Table 3.2.A which senses the conditions for which isolation is required. Such instrumentation must be available whenever primary containment integrity is required.

The instrumentation which initiates primary system isolation is connected in a dual bus arrangement.

The low water level instrumentation set to trip at 177.7" (538" above vessel zero) above the top of the active fuel closes isolation valves in the RHR System, Drywell and Suppression Chamber exhausts and drains and Reactor Water Cleanup Lines (Groups 2 and 3 isolation valves). The low reactor water level instrumentation that is set to trip when reactor water level is 109.7" (470" above vessel zero) above the top of the active fuel (Table 3.2.B) trips the recirculation pumps and initiates the RCIC and HPCI systems. The RCIC and HPCI system initiation opens the turbine steam supply valve which in turn initiates closure of the respective drain valves (Group 7).

The low water level instrumentation set to trip at 17.7" (378" above vessel zero) above the active fuel (Table 3.2.B) closes the Main Steam Isolation Valves, the Main Steam Line Drain Valves, and the Reactor Water Sample Valves (Group 1). Details of valve grouping and required closing times are given in Specification 3.7. These trip settings are adequate to prevent core uncover in the case of a break in the largest line assuming the maximum closing time.

The low reactor water level instrumentation that is set to trip when reactor water level is 17.7" (378" above vessel zero) above the top of the active fuel (Table 3.2.B) initiates the LPCI, Core Spray Pumps, contributes to ADS initiation; and starts the diesel generators. These trip setting levels were chosen to be high enough to prevent spurious actuation but low enough to initiate CSCS operation so that postaccident cooling can be accomplished and the guidelines of 10 CFR 100 will not be violated. For large breaks up to the complete circumferential break of a 28-inch recirculation line and with the trip setting given above, CSCS initiation is initiated in time to meet the above criteria.

The high drywell pressure instrumentation is a diverse signal to the water level instrumentation and in addition to initiating CSCS, it causes isolation of Groups 2 and 8 isolation valves. For the breaks discussed above, this instrumentation will initiate CSCS operation at about the same time as the low water level instrumentation; thus the results given above are applicable here also.

Venturis are provided in the main steam lines as a means of measuring steam flow and also limiting the loss of mass inventory from the vessel during a steam line break accident. The primary function of the instrumentation is to detect a break in the main steam line. For the worst case accident, main steam line break outside the drywell, a trip setting of 140% of rated steam flow in conjunction with the flow limiters and main steam line valve closure, limits the mass inventory loss such that fuel is not uncovered, fuel cladding temperatures remain below 1000°F and release of radioactivity to the environs is well below 10 CFR 100 guidelines. Reference Section 14.6.5 FSAR.

Temperature monitoring instrumentation is provided in the main steam line tunnel to detect leaks in these areas. Trips are provided on this instrumentation and when exceeded, cause closure of isolation valves. The setting of 200°F for the main steam line tunnel detector is low enough to detect leaks of the order of 15 gpm; thus, it is capable of covering the entire spectrum of breaks. For large breaks, the high steam flow instrumentation is a backup to the temperature instrumentation. In the event of a loss of the reactor building ventilation system, radiant heating in the vicinity of the main steam lines raises the ambient temperature above 200 degrees F. The temperature increases can cause an unnecessary main steam line isolation and reactor scram. Permission is provided to bypass the temperature trip for 4 hours to avoid an unnecessary plant transient and allow performance of the secondary containment leak rate test or make repairs necessary to regain normal ventilation.

High radiation monitors in the main steam line tunnel have been provided to detect gross fuel failure as in the control rod drop accident. With the established nominal setting of 3 times normal background and main steam line isolation valve closure, fission product release is limited so that 10 CFR 100 guidelines are not exceeded for this accident. Reference Section 14.6.2 FSAR. An alarm with a nominal setpoint of 1.5 x normal full-power background is provided also.

Pressure instrumentation is provided to close the main steam isolation valves in Run Mode when the main steam line pressure drops below 825 psig.

NOTES FOR TABLE 3.7.A

Key: O = Open

C = Closed

SC = Stays Closed

CC = Goes Closed

Note: Isolation groupings are as follows:

Group 1: The valves in Group 1 are actuated by any one of the following conditions:

1. Reactor Vessel Low Water Level (378")
2. Main Steamline High Radiation
3. Main Steamline High Flow
4. Main Steamline Space High Temperature
5. Main Steamline Low Pressure

Group 2: The valves in Group 2 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. Reactor Vessel Low Water Level (538")
2. High Drywell Pressure

Group 3: The valves in Group 3 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. Reactor Low Water Level (538")
2. Reactor Water Cleanup System High Temperature
3. Reactor Water Cleanup System High Drain Temperature

Group 4: The valves in Group 4 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. HPCI Steamline Space High Temperature
2. HPCI Steamline High Flow
3. HPCI Steamline Low Pressure

Group 5: The valves in Group 5 are actuated by any of the following condition:

1. RCIC Steamline Space High Temperature
2. RCIC Steamline High Flow
3. RCIC Steamline Low Pressure

Group 6: The valves in Group 6 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. Reactor Vessel Low Water Level (538")
2. High Drywell Pressure
3. Reactor Building Ventilation High Radiation

Group 1 - Process lines are isolated by reactor vessel low water level (378") in order to allow for removal of decay heat subsequent to a scram, yet isolate in time for proper operation of the core standby cooling systems.

The valves in group 1, except the reactor water sample line valves, are also closed when process instrumentation detects excessive main steam line flow, high radiation, low pressure, or main steam space high temperature. The reactor water sample line valves isolate only on reactor low water level at 378" or main steam line high radiation.

Group 2 - Isolation valves are closed by reactor vessel low water level (538") or high drywell pressure. The group 2 isolation signal also "isolates" the reactor building and starts the standby gas treatment system. It is not desirable to actuate the group 2 isolation signal by a transient or spurious signal.

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Group 3 - Process lines are normally in use, and it is therefore not desirable to cause spurious isolation due to high drywell pressure resulting from non-safety related causes. To protect the reactor from a possible pipe break in the system, isolation is provided by high temperature in the clean-up system area or high flow through the inlet to the cleanup system. Also, since the vessel could potentially be drained through the cleanup system, a low level isolation is provided.

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Groups 4 and 5 - Process lines are designed to remain operable and mitigate the consequences of an accident which results in the isolation of other process lines. The signals which initiate isolation of Groups 4 and 5 process lines are therefore indicative of a condition which would render them inoperable.

Group 6 - Lines are connected to the primary containment but not directly to the reactor vessel. These valves are isolated on reactor low water level (538"), high drywell pressure, or reactor building ventilation high radiation which would indicate a possible accident and necessitate primary containment isolation.

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Group 7 - Process lines are closed only on the respective turbine steam supply valve not fully closed. This assures that the valves are not open when HPCI or RCIC action is required.

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Group 8 - Line (traveling in-core probe) is isolated on high drywell pressure or reactor low water level (538"). This is to assure that this line does not provide a leakage path when containment pressure or reactor water level indicates a possible accident condition.

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The maximum closure time for the automatic isolation valves of the primary containment and reactor vessel isolation control system have been selected in consideration of the design intent to prevent core uncovering following pipe breaks outside the primary containment and the need to contain released fission products following pipe breaks inside the primary containment.

In satisfying this design intent, an additional margin has been included in specifying maximum closure times. This margin permits identification of degraded valve performance prior to exceeding the design closure times.



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BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 106
License No. DPR-52

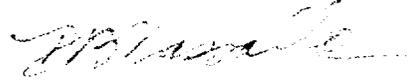
1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee) dated February 22, 1984, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment and paragraph 2.C(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-52 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 106, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 106

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1. Remove the following pages and replace with identically numbered pages.

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1.1 FUEL CLADDING INTEGRITYB. Power Transient

To ensure that the Safety Limits established in Specification 1.1.A are not exceeded, each required scram shall be initiated by its expected scram signal. The Safety Limit shall be assumed to be exceeded when scram is accomplished by means other than the expected scram signal.

C. Reactor Vessel Water Level

Whenever there is irradiated fuel in the reactor vessel, the water level shall not be less than 17.7 in. above the top of the normal active fuel zone.

2.1 FUEL CLADDING INTEGRITYB. Power Transient Trip Settings

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| 1. Scram and isolation (PCIS groups 2,3,6) reactor low water level | ≥ 538 in. above vessel zero |
| 2. Scram--turbine stop valve closure | ≤ 10 percent valve closure |
| 3. Scram--turbine control valve fast closure or turbine trip | ≅ 550 psig |
| 4. Scram--low condenser vacuum | ≥ 23 inches Hg vacuum |
| 5. Scram--main steam line isolation | ≤ 10 percent valve closure |
| 6. Main steam isolation valve closure --nuclear system low pressure | ≥ 825 psig |

C. Water Level Trip Settings

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| 1. Core spray and LPCI actuation--reactor low water level | ≥ 378 in. above vessel zero |
| 2. HPCI and RCIC actuation--reactor low water level | ≥ 470 in. above vessel zero |
| 3. Main steam isolation valve closure--reactor low water level | ≥ 378 in. above vessel zero |

TABLE 3.2.A
PRIMARY CONTAINMENT AND REACTOR BUILDING ISOLATION INSTRUMENTATION

Minimum No. Instrument Channels Operable per Trip Sys(1)(1)	Function	Trip Level Setting	Action (1)	Remarks
2	Instrument Channel - Reactor Low Water Level (6)	≥ 538" above vessel zero	A or (B and E)	1. Below trip setting does the following: a. Initiates Reactor Building Isolation b. Initiates Primary Containment Isolation (Groups 2, 3, and 6) c. Initiates SGTS
1	Instrument Channel - Reactor High Pressure	100 ± 15 psig	D	1. Above trip setting isolates the shutdown cooling suction valves of the RHR system.
2	Instrument Channel - Reactor Low Water Level (LIS-3-56A-D, SW #1)	≥ 378" above vessel zero	A	1. Below trip setting initiates Main Steam Line Isolation
2	Instrument Channel - High Drywell Pressure (6) (PS-64-56A-D)	≤ 2.5 psig	A or (B and E)	1. Above trip setting does the following: a. Initiates Reactor Building Isolation b. Initiates Primary Containment Isolation c. Initiates SGTS
2	Instrument Channel - High Radiation Main Steam Line Tunnel (6)	3 times normal rated full power background (13)	B	1. Above trip setting initiates Main Steam Line Isolation
2	Instrument Channel - Low Pressure Main Steam Line	≥ 825 psig (4)	B	1. Below trip setting initiates Main Steam Line Isolation
2(3)	Instrument Channel - High Flow Main Steam Line	≤ 140% of rated steam flow	B	1. Above trip setting initiates Main Steam Line Isolation

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3.2 BASES

In addition to reactor protection instrumentation which initiates a reactor scram, protective instrumentation has been provided which initiates action to mitigate the consequences of accidents which are beyond the operator's ability to control, or terminates operator errors before they result in serious consequences. This set of specifications provides the limiting conditions of operation for the primary system isolation function, initiation of the core cooling systems, control rod block and standby gas treatment systems. The objectives of the Specifications are (i) to assure the effectiveness of the protective instrumentation when required by preserving its capability to tolerate a single failure of any component of such systems even during periods when portions of such systems are out of service for maintenance, and (ii) to prescribe the trip settings required to assure adequate performance. When necessary, one channel may be made inoperable for brief intervals to conduct required functional tests and calibrations.

Some of the settings on the instrumentation that initiate or control core and containment cooling have tolerances explicitly stated where the high and low values are both critical and may have a substantial effect on safety. The set points of other instrumentation, where only the high or low end of the setting has a direct bearing on safety, are chosen at a level away from the normal operating range to prevent inadvertent actuation of the safety system involved and exposure to abnormal situations.

Actuation of primary containment valves is initiated by protective instrumentation shown in Table 3.2.A which senses the conditions for which isolation is required. Such instrumentation must be available whenever primary containment integrity is required.

The instrumentation which initiates primary system isolation is connected in a dual bus arrangement.

The low water level instrumentation set to trip at 177.7" (538" above vessel zero) above the top of the active fuel closes isolation valves in the RHR System, Drywell and Suppression Chamber exhausts and drains and Reactor Water Cleanup Lines (Groups 2 and 3 isolation valves). The low reactor water level instrumentation that is set to trip when reactor water level is 109.7" (470" above vessel zero) above the top of the active fuel (Table 3.2.B) trips the recirculation pumps and initiates the RCIC and HPCI systems. The RCIC and HPCI system initiation opens the turbine steam supply valve which in turn initiates closure of the respective drain valves (Group 7).

The low water level instrumentation set to trip at 17.7" (378" above vessel zero) above the active fuel (Table 3.2.B) closes the Main Steam Isolation Valves, the Main Steam Line Drain Valves, and the Reactor Water Sample Valves (Group 1). Details of valve grouping and required closing times are given in Specification 3.7. These trip settings are adequate to prevent core uncover in the case of a break in the largest line assuming the maximum closing time.

3.2 BASES

The low reactor water level instrumentation that is set to trip when reactor water level is 17.7" (378" above vessel zero) above the top of the active fuel (Table 3.2.B) initiates the LPCI, Core Spray Pumps, contributes to ADS initiation, and starts the diesel generators. These trip setting levels were chosen to be high enough to prevent spurious actuation but low enough to initiate CSCS operation so that postaccident cooling can be accomplished and the guidelines of 10 CFR 100 will not be violated. For large breaks up to the complete circumferential break of a 28-inch recirculation line and with the trip setting given above, CSCS initiation is initiated in time to meet the above criteria.

The high drywell pressure instrumentation is a diverse signal to the water level instrumentation and in addition to initiating CSCS, it causes isolation of Groups 2 and 8 isolation valves. For the breaks discussed above, this instrumentation will initiate CSCS operation at about the same time as the low water level instrumentation; thus the results given above are applicable here also.

Venturis are provided in the main steam lines as a means of measuring steam flow and also limiting the loss of mass inventory from the vessel during a steam line break accident. The primary function of the instrumentation is to detect a break in the main steam line. For the worst case accident, main steam line break outside the drywell, a trip setting of 140% of rated steam flow in conjunction with the flow limiters and main steam line valve closure, limits the mass inventory loss such that fuel is not uncovered, fuel cladding temperatures remain below 1000°F and release of radioactivity to the environs is well below 10 CFR 100 guidelines. Reference Section 14.6.5 FSAR.

Temperature monitoring instrumentation is provided in the main steam line tunnel to detect leaks in these areas. Trips are provided on this instrumentation and when exceeded, cause closure of isolation valves. The setting of 200°F for the main steam line tunnel detector is low enough to detect leaks of the order of 15 gpm; thus, it is capable of covering the entire spectrum of breaks. For large breaks, the high steam flow instrumentation is a backup to the temperature instrumentation. In the event of a loss of the reactor building ventilation system, radiant heating in the vicinity of the main steam lines raises the ambient temperature above 200 degrees F. The temperature increases can cause an unnecessary main steam line isolation and reactor scram. Permission is provided to bypass the temperature trip for 4 hours to avoid an unnecessary plant transient and allow performance of the secondary containment leak rate test or make repairs necessary to regain normal ventilation.

High radiation monitors in the main steam line tunnel have been provided to detect gross fuel failure as in the control rod drop accident. With the established nominal setting of 3 times normal background and main steam line isolation valve closure, fission product release is limited so that 10 CFR 100 guidelines are not exceeded for this accident. Reference Section 14.6.2 FSAR. An alarm with a nominal setpoint of 1.5 x normal full-power background is provided also.

Pressure instrumentation is provided to close the main steam isolation valves in Run Mode when the main steam line pressure drops below 825 psig.

NOTES FOR TABLE 3.7.A

Key: O = Open

C = Closed

SC = Stays Closed

GC = Goes Closed

Note: Isolation groupings are as follows:

Group 1: The valves in Group 1 are actuated by any one of the following conditions:

1. Reactor Vessel Low Water Level (378")
2. Main Steamline High Radiation
3. Main Steamline High Flow
4. Main Steamline Space High Temperature
5. Main Steamline Low Pressure

Group 2: The valves in Group 2 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. Reactor Vessel Low Water Level (538")
2. High Drywell Pressure

Group 3: The valves in Group 3 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. Reactor Low Water Level (538")
2. Reactor Water Cleanup System High Temperature
3. Reactor Water Cleanup System High Drain Temperature

Group 4: The valves in Group 4 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. HPCI Steamline Space High Temperature
2. HPCI Steamline High Flow
3. HPCI Steamline Low Pressure

Group 5: The valves in Group 5 are actuated by any of the following condition:

1. RCIC Steamline Space High Temperature
2. RCIC Steamline High Flow
3. RCIC Steamline Low Pressure

Group 6: The valves in Group 6 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. Reactor Vessel Low Water Level (538")
2. High Drywell Pressure
3. Reactor Building Ventilation High Radiation

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Group 1 - Process lines are isolated by reactor vessel low water level (378") in order to allow for removal of decay heat subsequent to a scram, yet isolate in time for proper operation of the core standby cooling systems.

The valves in group 1, except reactor water sample line valves, are also closed when process instrumentation detects excessive main steam line flow, high radiation, low pressure, or main steam space high temperature. The reactor water sample line valves isolate only on reactor low water level at 378" or main steam line high radiation.

Group 2 - Isolation valves are closed by reactor vessel low water level (538") or high drywell pressure. The group 2 isolation signal also "isolates" the reactor building and starts the standby gas treatment system. It is not desirable to actuate the group 2 isolation signal by a transient or spurious signal.

Group 3 - Process lines are normally in use, and it is therefore not desirable to cause spurious isolation due to high drywell pressure resulting from non-safety related causes. To protect the reactor from a possible pipe break in the system, isolation is provided by high temperature in the clean-up system area or high flow through the inlet to the cleanup system. Also, since the vessel could potentially be drained through the cleanup system, a low level isolation is provided.

Groups 4 and 5 - Process lines are designed to remain operable and mitigate the consequences of an accident which results in the isolation of other process lines. The signals which initiate isolation of Groups 4 and 5 process lines are therefore indicative of a condition which would render them inoperable.

Group 6 - Lines are connected to the primary containment but not directly to the reactor vessel. These valves are isolated on reactor low water level (538"), high drywell pressure, or reactor building ventilation high radiation which would indicate a possible accident and necessitate primary containment isolation.

Group 7 - Process lines are closed only on the respective turbine steam supply valve not fully closed. This assures that the valves are not open when HPCI or RCIC action is required.

Group 8 - Line (traveling in-core probe) is isolated on high drywell pressure or reactor low water level (538"). This is to assure that this line does not provide a leakage path when containment pressure or reactor water level indicates a possible accident condition.

The maximum closure time for the automatic isolation valves of the primary containment and reactor vessel isolation control system have been selected in consideration of the design intent to prevent core uncovering following pipe breaks outside the primary containment and the need to contain released fission products following pipe breaks inside the primary containment.

In satisfying this design intent, an additional margin has been included in specifying maximum closure times. This margin permits identification of degraded valve performance prior to exceeding the design closure times.



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DOCKET NO. 50-296

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 3

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 80
License No. DPR-68

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee) dated February 22, 1984, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment and paragraph 2.C(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-68 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 80, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: September 19, 1984

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 80

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-68

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Revise Appendix A as follows:

1. Remove the following pages and replace with identically numbered pages.

13, 57, 108, 109, 266, 294

2. The marginal lines on these pages denote the area being changed.

1.1 FUEL CLADDING INTEGRITYB. Power Transient

To ensure that the Safety Limits established in Specification 1.1.A are not exceeded, each required scram shall be initiated by its expected scram signal. The Safety Limit shall be assumed to be exceeded when scram is accomplished by means other than the expected scram signal.

C. Reactor Vessel Water Level

Whenever there is irradiated fuel in the reactor vessel, the water level shall not be less than 17.7 in. above the top of the normal active fuel zone.

2.1 FUEL CLADDING INTEGRITYB. Power Transient Trip Settings

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| 1. Scram and isolation (PCIS groups 2,3,6) reactor low water level | ≥ 538 in. above vessel zero |
| 2. Scram--turbine stop valve closure | ≤ 10 percent valve closure |
| 3. Scram--turbine control valve fast closure or turbine trip | ≥ 550 psig |
| 4. Scram--low condenser vacuum | ≥ 23 inches Hg vacuum |
| 5. Scram--main steam line isolation | ≤ 10 percent valve closure |
| 6. Main steam isolation valve closure--nuclear system low pressure | ≥ 825 psig |

C. Water Level Trip Settings

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| 1. Core spray and LPCI actuation--reactor low water level | ≥ 378 in. above vessel zero |
| 2. HPCI and RCIC actuation--reactor low water level | ≥ 470 in. above vessel zero |
| 3. Main steam isolation valve closure--reactor low water level | ≥ 378 in. above vessel zero |

TABLE 3.2.A
PRIMARY CONTAINMENT AND REACTOR BUILDING ISOLATION INSTRUMENTATION

Minimum No. Instrument Channels Operable per Trip Sys (1)(11)	Function	Trip Level Setting	Action (1)	Remarks
2	Instrument Channel - Reactor Low Water Level (6)	$\geq 530''$ above vessel zero	A or (B and E)	1. Below trip setting does the following: a. Initiates Reactor Building Isolation b. Initiates Primary Containment Isolation (Groups 2, 3, and 6) c. Initiates SGTS
1	Instrument Channel - Reactor High Pressure	100 ± 15 psig	D	1. Above trip setting isolates the shutdown cooling suction valves of the RHR system.
2	Instrument Channel - Reactor Low Water Level (LIS-3-56A-D, SW #1)	$\geq 378''$ above vessel zero	A	1. Below trip setting initiates Main Steam Line Isolation
2	Instrument Channel - High Drywell Pressure (6) (PS-64-56A-D)	≤ 2.5 psig	A or (B and E)	1. Above trip setting does the following: a. Initiates Reactor Building Isolation b. Initiates Primary Containment Isolation c. Initiates SGTS
2	Instrument Channel - High Radiation Main Steam Line Tunnel (6)	3 times normal rated full power background (13)	B	1. Above trip setting initiates Main Steam Line Isolation
2	Instrument Channel - Low Pressure Main Steam Line	≥ 825 psig (4)	B	1. Below trip setting initiates Main Steam Line Isolation
2(3)	Instrument Channel - High Flow Main Steam Line	$\leq 140\%$ of rated steam flow	B	1. Above trip setting initiates Main Steam Line Isolation
2 (12)	Instrument Channel - Main Steam Line Tunnel High Temperature	$\leq 200^\circ\text{F}$	B	1. Above trip setting initiates Main Steam Line Isolation.

Amendment No. 1, 26, 56, 75, 80

3.2 BASES

In addition to reactor protection instrumentation which initiates a reactor scram, protective instrumentation has been provided which initiates action to mitigate the consequences of accidents which are beyond the operator's ability to control, or terminates operator errors before they result in serious consequences. This set of specifications provides the limiting conditions of operation for the primary system isolation function, initiation of the core cooling systems, control rod block and standby gas treatment systems. The objectives of the Specifications are (i) to assure the effectiveness of the protective instrumentation when required by preserving its capability to tolerate a single failure of any component of such systems even during periods when portions of such systems are out of service for maintenance, and (ii) to prescribe the trip settings required to assure adequate performance. When necessary, one channel may be made inoperable for brief intervals to conduct required functional tests and calibrations.

Some of the settings on the instrumentation that initiate or control core and containment cooling have tolerances explicitly stated where the high and low values are both critical and may have a substantial effect on safety. The set points of other instrumentation, where only the high or low end of the setting has a direct bearing on safety, are chosen at a level away from the normal operating range to prevent inadvertent actuation of the safety system involved and exposure to abnormal situations.

Actuation of primary containment valves is initiated by protective instrumentation shown in Table 3.2.A which senses the conditions for which isolation is required. Such instrumentation must be available whenever primary containment integrity is required.

The instrumentation which initiates primary system isolation is connected in a dual bus arrangement.

The low water level instrumentation set to trip at 177.7" (538" above vessel zero) above the top of the active fuel closes isolation valves in the RHR System, Drywell and Suppression Chamber exhausts and drains and Reactor Water Cleanup Lines (Groups 2 and 3 isolation valves). The low reactor water level instrumentation that is set to trip when reactor water level is 109.7" (470" above vessel zero) above the top of the active fuel (Table 3.2.B) trips the recirculation pumps and initiates the RCIC and HPCI systems. The RCIC and HPCI system initiation opens the turbine steam supply valve which in turn initiates closure of the respective drain valves (Group 7).

The low water level instrumentation set to trip at 17.7" (378" above vessel zero) above the active fuel (Table 3.2.B) closes the Main Steam Isolation Valves, the Main Steam Line Drain Valves, and the Reactor Water Sample Valves (Group 1). Details of valve grouping and required closing times are given in Specification 3.7. These trip settings are adequate to prevent core uncovering in the case of a break in the largest line assuming the maximum closing time.

3.2 BASES

The low reactor water level instrumentation that is set to trip when reactor water level is 17.7" (378" above vessel zero) above the top of the active fuel (Table 3.2.B) initiates the LPCI, Core Spray Pumps, contributes to ADS initiation, and starts the diesel generators. These trip setting levels were chosen to be high enough to prevent spurious actuation but low enough to initiate CSCS operation so that postaccident cooling can be accomplished and the guidelines of 10 CFR 100 will not be violated. For large breaks up to the complete circumferential break of a 28-inch recirculation line and with the trip setting given above, CSCS initiation is initiated in time to meet the above criteria.

The high drywell pressure instrumentation is a diverse signal to the water level instrumentation and in addition to initiating CSCS, it causes isolation of Groups 2 and 8 isolation valves. For the breaks discussed above, this instrumentation will initiate CSCS operation at about the same time as the low water level instrumentation; thus the results given above are applicable here also.

Venturis are provided in the main steam lines as a means of measuring steam flow and also limiting the loss of mass inventory from the vessel during a steam line break accident. The primary function of the instrumentation is to detect a break in the main steam line. For the worst case accident, main steam line break outside the drywell, a trip setting of 140% of rated steam flow in conjunction with the flow limiters and main steam line valve closure, limits the mass inventory loss such that fuel is not uncovered, fuel cladding temperatures remain below 1000°F and release of radioactivity to the environs is well below 10 CFR 100 guidelines. Reference Section 14.6.5 FSAR.

Temperature monitoring instrumentation is provided in the main steam line tunnel to detect leaks in these areas. Trips are provided on this instrumentation and when exceeded, cause closure of isolation valves. The setting of 200°F for the main steam line tunnel detector is low enough to detect leaks of the order of 15 gpm; thus, it is capable of covering the entire spectrum of breaks. For large breaks, the high steam flow instrumentation is a backup to the temperature instrumentation. In the event of a loss of the reactor building ventilation system, radiant heating in the vicinity of the main steam lines raises the ambient temperature above 200 degrees F. The temperature increases can cause an unnecessary main steam line isolation and reactor scram. Permission is provided to bypass the temperature trip for 4 hours to avoid an unnecessary plant transient and allow performance of the secondary containment leak rate test or make repairs necessary to regain normal ventilation.

High radiation monitors in the main steam line tunnel have been provided to detect gross fuel failure as in the control rod drop accident. With the established nominal setting of 3 times normal background and main steam line isolation valve closure, fission product release is limited so that 10 CFR 100 guidelines are not exceeded for this accident. Reference Section 14.6.2 FSAR. An alarm with a nominal setpoint of 1.5 x normal full-power background is provided also.

NOTES FOR TABLE 3.7.A

Key: 0 = Open
C = Closed
SC = Stays Closed
GC = Goes Closed

Note: Isolation groupings are as follows:

Group 1: The valves in Group 1 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. Reactor Vessel Low Water Level (378")
2. Main Steamline High Radiation
3. Main Steamline High Flow
4. Main Steamline Space High Temperature
5. Main Steamline Low Pressure

Group 2: The valves in Group 2 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. Reactor Vessel Low Water Level (538")
2. High Drywell Pressure

Group 3: The valves in Group 3 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. Reactor Low Water Level (538")
2. Reactor Water Cleanup System High Temperature
3. Reactor Water Cleanup System High Drain Temperature

Group 4: The valves in Group 4 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. HPCI Steamline Space High Temperature
2. HPCI Steamline High Flow
3. HPCI Steamline Low Pressure

Group 5: The valves in Group 5 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. RCIC Steamline Space High Temperature
2. RCIC Steamline High Flow
3. RCIC Steamline Low Pressure

Group 6: The valves in Group 6 are actuated by any of the following conditions:

1. Reactor Vessel Low Water Level (538")
2. High Drywell Pressure
3. Reactor Building Ventilation High Radiation

Group 7: The valves in Group 7 are automatically actuated by

3.7.D/4.7.D Primary Containment Isolation Valves

Double isolation valves are provided on lines penetrating the primary containment and open to the free space of the containment. Closure of one of the valves in each line would be sufficient to maintain the integrity of the pressure suppression system. Automatic initiation is required to minimize the potential leakage paths from the containment in the event of a loss of coolant accident.

Group 1 - Process lines are isolated by reactor vessel low water level (378") in order to allow for removal of decay heat subsequent to a scram yet isolate in time for proper operation of the core standby cooling systems. The valves in group 1, except the reactor water sample line valves, are also closed when process instrumentation detects excessive main steam line flow, high radiation, low pressure, or main steam space high temperature. The reactor water sample line valves isolate only on reactor low water level at 378" or main steam line high radiation.

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Group 7 - Process lines are closed only on the respective turbine steam supply valve not fully closed. This ensures that the valves are not open when HPCIS or RCICS action is required.

Group 8 - Line (traveling in-core probe) is isolated on high drywell pressure or reactor low water level (538"). This is to assure that this line does not provide a leakage path when containment pressure or reactor water level indicates a possible accident condition.



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 112 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-33

AMENDMENT NO. 106 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-52

AMENDMENT NO. 80 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-68

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1, 2 AND 3

DOCKET NOS. 50-259, 50-260 AND 50-296

1.0 Introduction

By letter dated February 22, 1984 (TS 196), the Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee or TVA) requested amendments for Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52 and DPR-68 for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2 and 3. The proposed amendments and revised Technical Specifications would change the reactor water level setpoint for Group 1 isolation from 470 inches above vessel zero to 378 inches above vessel zero.

2.0 Evaluation

Boiling water reactors (BWRs) are equipped with safety/relief valves (SRVs) to provide overpressure protection to the reactor coolant pressure boundary and also for automatic depressurization in the case of small-break loss of coolant accidents (LOCAs) with concurrent failure of the high-pressure coolant injection systems. The operating history of these valves has been relatively poor. Malfunctions include failures of valves to open on demand and failures to close after either a proper or a spurious opening. Failures to close result in small LOCAs, which can produce unnecessary thermal transients on the reactor vessel and internal components, unnecessary hydrodynamic loadings on the containment pressure-suppression chamber and internal components, and potential increases in the release of radioactivity to the environs; they can also increase challenges to the emergency core cooling systems.

In order to reduce the probability of occurrence of an SRV malfunction, NUREG-0737 (TMI Action Plan) Item II.K.3.16 required licensees to conduct a feasibility study for reducing SRV challenges. By letter dated March 31, 1981 the BWR Owners' Group submitted the results of the study. One of the recommendations was to lower the reactor pressure vessel water level isolation setpoint for main steam isolation valve (MSIV) closure from Level 2 to Level 1. In the event of a pressurization transient, this design modification would maintain the main condenser available for a longer time, allow more energy to be released to the main condenser, and result in a slower repressurization rate. The result would be to reduce isolations and

SRV challenges and provide some benefit toward reduction of SRV subsequent actuations. Our Safety Evaluation, letter from D. Vassallo to H. Parris dated April 3, 1984, concluded that this modification is acceptable for Browns Ferry. That Safety Evaluation is incorporated herein and for the reasons set forth in that Safety Evaluation, we find that the proposed change in reactor water level setpoint for group 1 isolation is acceptable.

3.0 Environmental Considerations

The amendments involve a change in the installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The staff has determined that the amendments involve no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types, of any effluents that may be released offsite, and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration and there has been no public comment on such finding. Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendments.

4.0 Conclusion

We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and the issuance of these amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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