

July 30, 1984

Docket Nos. 50-259/260/296

Mr. Hugh G. Parris
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Tennessee Valley Authority
500A Chestnut Street, Tower II
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401

Dear Mr. Parris:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment Nos. 105 , 99 and 72 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 July 18, 1983 (TVA BFNP TS 176, Supplement 9).

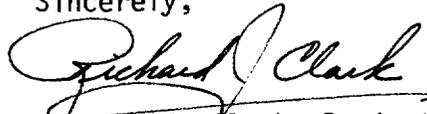
The amendments change Section 6.8 of the Technical Specifications to (1) replace "operator" with "reactor operator" to provide consistent nomenclature and (2) permit fuel handling operations to be supervised by a senior reactor operator whose qualifications are limited to fuel handling operations.

In the course of reviewing this amendment request we discovered that there are errors in the existing file copies of the Technical Specifications. These errors are corrected as follows:

- (1) Specification 6.8.7 which was inadvertently deleted by amendments dated December 2, 1981 is restored, and
- (2) Specification 6.9 which was deleted by the December 2, 1981 amendments is again deleted as your file copies were not revised to reflect the December 2, 1981 deletion.

A copy of the Safety Evaluation is also enclosed.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Clark, Project Manager
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Enclosures:

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- 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. 105
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 July 18, 1983, 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:

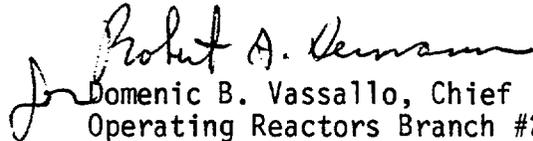
(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 105, 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


Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #2
Division of Licensing

Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: July 30, 1984

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 105

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.

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

6.8 Minimum Plant Staffing

The minimum plant staffing for monitoring and conduct of operations is as follows.

1. A licensed senior reactor operator shall be present at the site at all times when there is fuel in the reactor.
2. A licensed reactor operator shall be in the control room whenever there is fuel in the reactor.
3. A licensed senior reactor operator or SRO limited to fuel handling shall be in direct charge of a reactor refueling operation; i.e., able to devote full time to the refueling operation.
4. A health physics technician shall be present at the facility at all times there is fuel in the reactor.
5. Two licensed reactor operators shall be in the control room during any cold startups, while shutting down the reactor, and during recovery from unit trip.
6. Either the plant superintendent or an assistant plant superintendent shall have acquired the experience and training normally required for examination by the NRC for a Senior Reactor Operator's License, whether or not the examination is taken. In addition, either the operations supervisor or the assistant operations supervisor shall have an SRO license.
7. A Shift Technical Advisor shall be present at the site at all times.



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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 50-260

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 99
License No. DPR-52

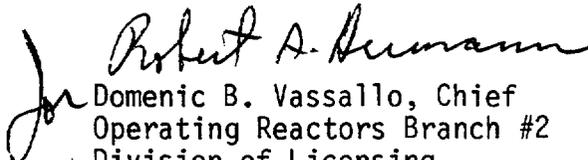
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 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted 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. 99, 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: July 30, 1984

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 99

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-52

DOCKET NO. 50-260

Revise Appendix A as follows:

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

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6. Either the plant superintendent or an assistant plant superintendent shall have acquired the experience and training normally required for examination by the NRC for a Senior Reactor Operator's License, whether or not the examination is taken. In addition, either the operations supervisor or the assistant operations supervisor shall have an SRC license.
7. A Shift Technical Advisor shall be present at the site at all times.



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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 50-296

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 3

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 72
License No. DPR-68

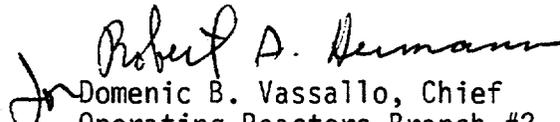
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 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted 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. 72, 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


Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief
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Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: July 30, 1984

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 72

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-68

DOCKET NO. 50-296

Revise Appendix A as follows:

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

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6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

6.8 Minimum Plant Staffing

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6. Either the plant superintendent or an assistant plant superintendent shall have acquired the experience and training normally required for examination by the NRC for a Senior Reactor Operator's License, whether or not the examination is taken. In addition, either the operations supervisor or the assistant operations supervisor shall have an SRO license.
7. A Shift Technical Advisor shall be present at the site at all times.



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 105 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-33

AMENDMENT NO. 99 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-52

AMENDMENT NO. 72 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 July 18, 1983 (TS 176, Supp. 9) the Tennessee Valley Authority, licensee for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2 and 3, requested changes to the Technical Specifications for these units as follows:

1. Sections 6.8.1, 6.8.2, 6.8.3, and 6.8.5 - Add the word "reactor" to change the titles of the licensed operators so that they are standardized with the abbreviations SRO and RO (senior reactor operator and reactor operator).
2. Section 6.8.3 - Change the words from "A licensed senior operator shall be in direct charge of a refueling operation" to "A licensed senior reactor operator or SRO limited to fuel handling shall be in direct charge of a reactor refueling operation."

2.0 Evaluation

Change No. 1 is a title change only; it has no affect on plant safety and is therefore acceptable. Change No. 2 is consistent with 10 CFR 50.54(m)(2)(iv) and is, therefore, 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 occupation 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.

Principal Contributor: L. Crocker

Dated: July 30, 1984