

April 25, 1984

Docket Nos. 50-259/260/296

Mr. Hugh G. Parris
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Dear Mr. Parris:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment Nos. 97, 91 and 64 to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52 and DPR-68 for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2 and 3. These amendments are in response to your application dated April 7, 1983 (TVA BFNP TS 176).

These amendments change the Technical Specifications to correct an inadvertent omission of the instrument channel for Turbine Control Valve Fast Closure or Turbine Trip from the Reactor Protection System (SCRAM) Instrument Calibration Frequency table. The omission was caused in the earlier Amendment Nos. 85, 82 and 56 to Browns Ferry Units 1, 2 and 3, dated July 22, 1982.

A copy of the Safety Evaluation is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Clark, Project Manager
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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 97 to License No. DPR-33
2. Amendment No. 91 to License No. DPR-52
3. Amendment No. 64 to License No. DPR-68
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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 50-259

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 97
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 April 7, 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. 97, 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
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Division of Licensing

Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 97

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.
40 and 44
2. The marginal lines on these pages denote the areas being changed.

TABLE 4.1.B
 REACTOR PROTECTION SYSTEM (RCRAM) INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION
 MINIMUM CALIBRATION FREQUENCIES FOR REACTOR PROTECTION INSTRUMENT CHANNELS

Instrument Channel	Group (1)	Calibration	Minimum Frequency (2)
IRM High Flux	C	Comparison to APRM on Control- led startups (6)	Note (4)
APRM High Flux Output Signal Flow Bias Signal	B B	Heat Balance Calibrate Flow Bias Signal (7)	Once every 7 days Once/operating cycle
LPRM Signal	B	TIP System Traverse (8)	Every 1000 Effective Full Power Hours
High Reactor Pressure	A	Standard Pressure Source	Every 3 Months
High Drywell Pressure	A	Standard Pressure Source	Every 3 Months
Reactor Low Water Level	A	Pressure Standard	Every 3 Months
High Water Level in Scram Discharge Volume Float Switches (LS-85-45C-F)	A	Calibrated Water Column (5)	Note (5)
High Water Level in Scram Discharge Volume Electronic Level Switches (LS-85-45-A, B, G, H)	B	Calibrated Water Column	Once/Operating Cycle (9)
Turbine Condenser Low Vacuum	A	Standard Vacuum Source	Every 3 Months
Main Steam Line Isolation Valve Closure	A	Note (5)	Note (5)
Main Steam Line High Radiation	B	Standard Current Source (3)	Every 3 Months
Turbine First Stage Pressure Permissive (PI-1-81A and B, PI-1-91A and B)	B	Standard Pressure Source	Once/Operating Cycle (9)
Turbine Cont. Valve Fast Closure or Turbine Trip	A	Standard Pressure Source	Once/Operating Cycle
Turbine Stop Valve Closure	A	Note (5)	Note (5)

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modes. In the power range the APRM system provides required protection. Ref. Section 7.5.7 FSAR. Thus, the IRM System is not required in the Run mode. The APRM's and the IRM's provide adequate coverage in the startup and intermediate range.

The high reactor pressure, high drywell pressure, reactor low water level and scram discharge volume high level scrams are required for Startup and Run modes of plant operation. They are, therefore, required to be operational for these modes of reactor operation.

The requirement to have the scram functions as indicated in Table 3.1.1 operable in the Refuel mode is to assure that shifting to the Refuel mode during reactor power operation does not diminish the need for the reactor protection system.

The turbine condenser low vacuum scram is only required during power operation and must be bypassed to start up the unit. Below 154 psig turbine first stage pressure (30% of rated), the scram signal due to turbine stop valve closure, and turbine control valve fast closure, or turbine trip pressure scram are adequate to protect the reactor. ^{is bypassed because flux and}

Because of the APRM downscale limit of $> 3\%$ when in the Run mode and high level limit of $< 15\%$ when in the Startup Mode, the transition between the Startup and Run Modes must be made with the APRM instrumentation indicating between 3% and 15% of rated power or a control rod scram will occur. In addition, the IRM system must be indicating below the High Flux setting (120/125 of scale) or a scram will occur when in the Startup Mode. For normal operating conditions, these limits provide assurance of overlap between the IRM system and APRM system so that there are no "gaps" in the power level indications (i.e., the power level is continuously monitored from beginning of startup to full power and from full power to shutdown). When power is being reduced, if a transfer to the Startup mode is made and the IRM's have not been fully inserted (a maloperational but not impossible condition) a control rod block immediately occurs so that reactivity insertion by control rod withdrawal cannot occur.



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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 50-260

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 91
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 April 7, 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-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. 91, 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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Division of Licensing

Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: April 25, 1984

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 91

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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TABLE 4.1.B
 REACTOR PROTECTION SYSTEM (SRAM) INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION
 MINIMUM CALIBRATION FREQUENCIES FOR REACTOR PROTECTION INSTRUMENT CHANNELS

Instrument Channel	Group (1)	Calibration	Minimum Frequency (2)
IRM High Flux	C	Comparison to APRM on Control- led startups (6)	Note (4)
APRM High Flux Output Signal Flow Bias Signal	B B	Heat Balance Calibrate Flow Bias Signal (7)	Once every 7 days Once/operating cycle
LPRM Signal	B	TIP System Traverse (8)	Every 1000 Effective Full Power Hours
High Reactor Pressure	A	Standard Pressure Source	Every 3 Months
High Drywell Pressure	A	Standard Pressure Source	Every 3 Months
Reactor Low Water Level	A	Pressure Standard	Every 3 Months
High Water Level in Scram Discharge Volume Float Switches (LS-85-45C-F)	A	Calibrated Water Column (5)	Note (5)
High Water Level in Scram Discharge Volume Electronic Level Switches (LS-85-45-A, B, G, H)	B	Calibrated Water Column	Once/Operating Cycle (9)
Turbine Condenser Low Vacuum	A	Standard Vacuum Source	Every 3 Months
Main Steam Line Isolation Valve Closure	A	Note (5)	Note (5)
Main Steam Line High Radiation	B	Standard Current Source (3)	Every 3 Months
Turbine First Stage Pressure Permissive (PT-1-81A and B, PT-1-91A and B)	B	Standard Pressure Source	Once/Operating Cycle (9)
Turbine Cont. Valve Fast Closure or Turbine Trip	A	Standard Pressure Source	Once/Operating Cycle
Turbine Stop Valve Closure	A	Note (5)	Note (5)

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modes. In the power range the APRM system provides required protection. Ref. Section 7.5.7 FSAR. Thus, the IRM System is not required in the Run mode. The APRM's and the IRM's provide adequate coverage in the startup and intermediate range.

The high reactor pressure, high drywell pressure, reactor low water level and scram discharge volume high level scrams are required for Startup and Run modes of plant operation. They are, therefore, required to be operational for these modes of reactor operation.

The requirement to have the scram functions as indicated in Table 3.1.1 operable in the Refuel mode is to assure that shifting to the Refuel mode during reactor power operation does not diminish the need for the reactor protection system.

The turbine condenser low vacuum scram is only required during power operation and must be bypassed to start up the unit. Below 154 psig turbine first stage pressure (30% of rated), the scram signal due to turbine stop valve closure, and turbine control valve fast closure, or turbine trip pressure scram are adequate to protect the reactor.
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DOCKET NO. 50-296

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 3

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 64
License No. DPR-68

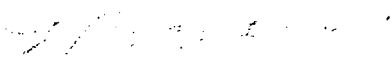
1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee) dated April 7, 1983, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and 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-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. 64, 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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Operating Reactors Branch #2
Division of Licensing

Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 64

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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TABLE 4.1.B
 REACTOR PROTECTION SYSTEM (SCRAM) INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION
 MINIMUM CALIBRATION FREQUENCIES FOR REACTOR PROTECTION INSTRUMENT CHANNELS

Instrument Channel	Group (1)	Calibration	Minimum Frequency (2)
IRM High Flux	C	Comparison to APRM on Controlled startups (6)	Note (4)
APRM High Flux Output Signal	B	Heat Balance	Once every 7 days
Flow Bias Signal	B	Calibrate Flow Bias Signal (7)	Once/operating cycle
LPRM Signal	B	TIP System Traverse (8)	Every 1000 Effective Full Power Hours
High Reactor Pressure	A	Standard Pressure Source	Every 3 Months
High Drywell Pressure	A	Standard Pressure Source	Every 3 Months
Reactor Low Water Level	A	Pressure Standard	Every 3 Months
High Water Level in Scram Discharge Volume	A	Note (5)	Note (5)
39 Turbine Condenser Low Vacuum	A	Standard Vacuum Source	Every 3 Months
Main Steam Line Isolation Valve Closure	A	Note (5)	Note (5)
Main Steam Line High Radiation	B	Standard Current Source (3)	Every 3 Months
Turbine First Stage Pressure Permissive	A	Standard Pressure Source	Every 6 Months
Turbine Cont. Valve Fast Closure or Turbine Trip	A	Standard Pressure Source	Once/operating cycle
Turbine Stop Valve Closure	A	Note (5)	Note (5)

which a scram would be required but not be able to perform its function adequately.

A source range monitor (SRM) system is also provided to supply additional neutron level information during startup but has no scram functions. Ref. Section 7.5.4 FSAR. Thus, the IRM is required in the Refuel and Startup modes. In the power range the APRM system provides required protection. Ref. Section 7.5.7 FSAR. Thus, the IRM System is not required in the Run mode. The APRM's and the IRM's provide adequate coverage in the startup and intermediate range.

The high reactor pressure, high drywell pressure, reactor low water level and scram discharge volume high level scrams are required for Startup and Run modes of plant operation. They are, therefore, required to be operational for these modes of reactor operation.

The requirement to have the scram functions as indicated in Table 3.1.1 operable in the Refuel mode is to assure that shifting to the Refuel mode during reactor power operation does not diminish the need for the reactor protection system.

The turbine condenser low vacuum scram is only required during power operation and must be bypassed to start up the unit. Below 154 psig turbine first stage pressure (30% of rated), the scram signal due to turbine stop valve closure, and turbine control valve fast closure or turbine trip is bypassed because flux and pressure scram are adequate to protect the reactor.

Because of the APRM downscale limit of $\geq 3\%$ when in the Run mode and high level limit of $\leq 15\%$ when in the Startup Mode, the transition between the Startup and Run Modes must be made with the APRM instrumentation indicating between 3% and 15% of rated power or a control rod scram will occur. In addition, the IRM system must be indicating below the High Flux setting (120/125 of scale) or a scram will occur when in the Startup Mode. For normal operating conditions, these limits provide assurance of overlap between the IRM system and APRM system so that there are no "gaps" in the power level indications (i.e., the power level is continuously monitored from beginning of startup to full power and from full power to shutdown). When power is being reduced, if a transfer to the Startup mode is made and the IRM's have not been fully inserted (a maloperational but not impossible condition) a control rod block immediately occurs so that reactivity insertion by control rod withdrawal cannot occur.



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 97 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-33

AMENDMENT NO. 91 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-52

AMENDMENT NO. 64 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-68

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1, 2 AND 3

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

1.0 Introduction

By letter dated April 7, 1983 (TVA BFNP TS 176) the Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee or TVA) requested amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52 and DPR-68 for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2 and 3. The licensee requested that the Instrument Channel "Turbine Control Valve Fast Closure or Turbine Trip" be added to Table 4.1.B related to Reactor Protection System Instrument Calibration Frequencies. The licensee states that the Technical Specification Tables 3.1.A and 4.1.A currently include this channel. The inclusion of two channels in Table 4.1.B will be consistent with the changes made in Tables 3.1.A and 4.1.A made as a result of Amendment Nos. 85, 82 and 56. Since the Turbine Control Valve Fast Closure and Turbine Trip are actuated by the same sensor, calibration of one or the other is adequate to assure proper response from the actuating sensor.

2.0 Evaluation

The amendment would modify the Technical Specifications to require a once per operating cycle calibration of the Turbine Control Valve Fast Closure or Turbine Trip channel. The change would add this requirement to Table 4.1.B which lists the minimum calibration frequencies for the Reactor Protection System instrument channels. Our evaluation indicates that the "Turbine Control Valve Fast Closure or Turbine Trip" channel was added to Tables 3.1.A and 4.1.A in Amendment Nos. 85, 82 and 56, but was inadvertently omitted from Table 4.1.B. The proposed change is therefore, necessary to make the calibration requirements consistent with other channels included in the system. The addition of the Turbine Control Valve Fast Closure or Turbine Trip channels to the list for minimum calibration frequencies would constitute an additional limitation, restriction, or control not presently included in the Technical Specifications. We find that the requested change is necessary to make Tables 3.1.A, 4.1.A, and 4.1.B consistent, and therefore, the calibration frequency to the Turbine Control Valve Fast Closure or Turbine Trip should be added to the Technical Specifications.

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3.0 Environmental Considerations

We have determined that these amendments do not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that these amendments involve an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact, and pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4), that an environmental impact statement, or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of these 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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Dated: April 25, 1984