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*Posted
Amend 76
to DPR-52*

Dear Mr. Parris:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment Nos. 80 , 76 and 49 to Facility License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52 and DPR-68, respectively, for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1, 2 and 3. These amendments consist of changes to the Appendix B Environmental Technical Specifications in response to your request dated July 29, 1981 (TVA BFNP TS 165).

These amendments revise the Environmental Technical Specifications to:

1. Delete the requirements in Section 4.1 for water quality surveys, thermal plume mapping, benthic monitoring, phytoplankton monitoring, zooplankton monitoring, fish population studies, entrainment studies on fish eggs and larvae and reference to a special study on chlorination which was completed several years ago.
2. Change the titles in Section 5.0 (Administrative Controls) of the offices within TVA responsible for environmental activities.

Operating requirements identified in Section 4.1 are duplicate to those conditions regulated by Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant's NPDES Permit No. ALO022080 which was issued to TVA on June 30, 1977. The NPDES permit specifies the specific effluent limitations for thermal, chemical, and sanitary waste discharges originating from the facilities and reporting requirements necessary to determine compliance with the effluent limitations. The existing limiting conditions of operation on water quality and the aquatic monitoring and reporting requirements are being deleted from the Browns Ferry Environmental Technical Specifications as a matter of law. Since the deletion of these conditions is a ministerial action required as a matter of law, no environmental impact assessment need be prepared as a condition precedent to taking this action. The changes to Section 5.0 - Administrative Controls to change the titles and organizational elements within TVA responsible for environmental activities is being made to reflect recent organizational changes within TVA.

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This is an administrative action that does 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 the 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 statement, negative declaration or environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of these amendments.

These changes to the Environmental Technical Specifications do not involve significant new safety information of a type not considered by a previous Commission safety review of the facility. They do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident, do not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin and, therefore, do not involve a significant hazards consideration. We have also concluded that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by these actions.

A copy of the related Notice of Issuance is also enclosed.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 80 to DPR-33
2. Amendment No. 76 to DPR-52
3. Amendment No. 49 to DPR-68
4. Notice

cc: w/enclosures
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DOCKET NO. 50-260

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT NO. 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 76
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 July 29, 1981 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 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. 76, 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 its issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: December 10, 1981

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 76

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-52

DOCKET NO. 50-260

Revise Appendix B as follows:

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

11/12

13/14

15/16

17/18

23/24

25/26

45/46

2. The underlined pages are the pages being changed; marginal lines on these pages indicate the revised area. The overleaf pages are provided for convenience.

Meteorological data shall be summarized and reported consistent with the recommendations of Regulatory Guide 1.21 (June 1974) and Regulatory Guide 1.23 (February 1972), and meteorological observations shall be recorded in a form consistent with National Weather Service procedures.

If the outage of any meteorological instrument(s) required by Regulatory Guide 1.23 (February 1972) exceeds seven consecutive days, the total outage time, the dates of outage, the cause of the outage, and the instrument(s) involved shall be reported within 30 days of the initiation of the outage to the USNRC, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, with a copy to the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Division of Operating Reactors. Elements of this program may be modified or terminated in accordance with Subsection 5.6.3(c).

The collection of meteorological data at the plant site provides information for use in developing atmospheric diffusion parameters for estimating potential radiation doses to the public resulting from actual routine or abnormal releases of radioactive materials to the atmosphere, and for assessing the actual impact of the plant cooling system on the atmospheric environment of the site area. A meteorological data collection program as described above is necessary to meet the requirements of subparagraph 50.36a(a)(2) of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix D to 10 CFR Part 50, and Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

The program elements described below are designed to detect and measure the impact of plant operation on the environment. If on the basis of this program it is established that no significant adverse environmental impact has resulted or is likely to result from operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, elements of the environmental surveillance program may be modified or terminated, in accordance with Subsection 5.6.3(c).

4.1 Ecological Surveillance

4.1.1 Abiotic

(a) Water Quality Surveys

Delete Requirement

(b) Thermal Plume Mapping

Delete Requirement

4.1.2 Biotic

(a) Benthic Monitoring

Delete Requirement

(b) Phytoplankton Monitoring

Delete Requirement

(c) Zooplankton Monitoring

Delete Requirement

(d) Fish Population and Distribution Studies

Delete Requirement

(e) Entrainment of Fish Eggs and Larvae

Delete Requirement

(f) Fish Impingement on Intake Screens

Objective

To detect and quantify fish impingement upon the intake screens.

Specification

Monitoring requirement deleted.

Reporting Requirements

The licensee shall submit to NRC copies of impingement study reports as now required by the NPDES Permit No. AL0022080 or as may be required as a result of EPA's determination pursuant to Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act. Submittals to the NRC shall be on the same schedule as required by the NPDES permitting authority.

Bases

To avoid conflict or unnecessary duplication between the NRC monitoring program and the program imposed by the NPDES permit, this ETS requirement relies on the permit program. Submittal of copies of study results obtained under the NPDES permit will allow the NRC to maintain awareness of the consequences of our licensing action.

4.1.3 Special Studies

Delete Requirement

4.2 Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program

Objective

An environmental radiological monitoring program is conducted to verify projected or anticipated radioactivity concentrations and related public exposures.

Specification

An environmental monitoring program shall be conducted as described below at locations indicated in Figures 4.2-1, 4.2-2, and 4.2-3 and Tables 4.2-1, 4.2-2, 4.2-3, and 4.2-4, with sampling and analysis frequencies given in Table 4.2-1. Analytical techniques used shall be such that the detection capabilities in Table 4.2-5 are achieved.

1. Atmospheric Monitoring

- a. The atmospheric monitoring network is divided into three subgroups consisting of 11 monitoring stations. Five local monitors are located on or adjacent to the plant site, as shown in Figure 4.2-1. The four perimeter and two remote monitoring stations are shown on Figure 4.2-2. Atmospheric and terrestrial monitoring station locations for Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant are listed in Table 4.2-2.

Each monitor shall be capable of continuously sampling air at regulated flow of approximately three cubic feet per minute through a particulate filter. In series with, but downstream of, the particulate filter is a charcoal filter used to collect iodine.

5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

Objective

This section describes the administrative and management controls established to provide continuing protection to the environment and to implement the environmental Technical Specifications. Measures to be specified in this section include the assignment of responsibilities, organizational structure, operating procedures, review and audit functions, and reporting requirements.

Specifications

5.1 Responsibility

- 5.1.1 The power plant superintendent has responsibility for operating the plant in compliance with these Technical Specifications.
- 5.1.2 The Manager, Office of Natural Resources, is responsible for the non-radiological environmental monitoring program outside the plant. The Chief, Radiological Hygiene Branch, is responsible for the radiological monitoring program outside the plant.

5.2 Organization

- 5.2.1 The organization of TVA management which directly relates to operation of the plant is shown on Figure 5.2-1.
- 5.2.2 The principal organizations within TVA which are concerned with environmental matters related to nuclear power plant operations are the Office of Power, Office of Natural Resources, and the Office of Health and Safety. The Office of Power is directly responsible for operating the plant in accordance with specified requirements and conducting onsite monitoring. The Office of Natural Resources and the Office of Health and Safety are responsible for providing technical guidance, assistance, monitoring, and other services as needed for environmental compliance. The organizations above report to the General Manager as shown in Figure 5.2.1.

5.3 Review and Audit

- 5.3.1 The Office of Power Quality Assurance and Audit Staff shall ensure that a periodic audit of the environmental monitoring program is conducted at least once per calendar year.
- 5.3.2 The Office of Power Regulatory Staff conducts a review of the following items:

- a. Preparation of the proposed environmental Technical Specifications.
- b. Coordination of environmental Technical Specification development with the safety Technical Specifications to avoid conflicts and maintain consistency.
- c. Proposed changes to the Environmental Technical Specifications and the evaluated impact of the change.
- d. Proposed changes, as described in Section 5.5 and proposed changes which could significantly affect the plant's environmental impact.
- e. Proposed changes or modifications to plant systems or equipment which could significantly affect the plant's environmental impact and the evaluated impact of the change.
- f. Analyses of the environmental monitoring program prior to their inclusion in each Annual Operating Report. See Sections 5.5.1 and 5.5.2.
- g. Reported instances of violations of environmental Technical Specifications. Where investigation indicates, evaluation and formulation of recommendations to prevent recurrence.

5.4 Action to be taken if an Environmental LCO is exceeded

5.5 Procedures

5.5.1 Detailed written procedures for the in-plant nonradiological monitoring program, including check-out lists, where applicable, shall be prepared by DHR and approved by the plant superintendent (or his designee) and adhered to.

5.5.2 Detailed written procedures for the environmental monitoring program outside the plant, including check-out lists, where applicable, shall be prepared, receive appropriate administrative approval and be adhered to.

A quality control program for the radiological environmental monitoring program has been established with the Alabama Department of Public Health Administration Laboratory and the Environmental Protection Agency, Montgomery, Alabama. Samples of air, water, soil, and vegetation collected around the site are forwarded to these laboratories for analysis; and results are submitted for comparison.

An internal quality control program for the radiological environmental monitoring program is being conducted whereby roughly one fourth of all samples are analyzed in duplicate. A quality control program is conducted with the Environmental Protection Agency in Las Vegas in which spiked samples are analyzed and the results compared.

5.5.3 All procedures described in Section 5.5.1 and all changes thereto shall be reviewed and approved prior to implementation and on an annual basis thereafter by the plant management. Temporary changes to procedures which do not change the intent of the original procedure may be made, provided such changes are documented and are approved by two of the following plant personnel:

Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent
Operations Supervisor
Assistant Operations Supervisor
Shift Engineer

5.6 Reporting Requirements

5.6.1 A report shall be prepared by TVA and submitted to NRC following the end of each 12-month period of operation, which shall summarize the results of the nonradiological environmental monitoring program.

5.6.2 Routine Reporting

a. A summary report shall be prepared for both the inplant monitoring program and the nonradiological monitoring programs and submitted to the Director of Division of Licensing, NRC, as part of the Annual Operating Report within 120 days after December 31 of each year.

b. Radiological Environmental Monitoring

Routine Reporting

Reporting Requirements:

1. TVA shall prepare a report entitled "Environmental Radioactivity Levels - Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant - Annual Report." The report shall cover the previous 12 months of operation and shall be submitted to the Director of the NRC Region II Office (with a copy to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation) within 120 days after January 1 of each year. The report format shown in Regulatory Guide 4.3 Title 1 shall be used. The report shall include summaries, interpretations, and evaluations of the results of the radiological environmental surveillance activities for the report period, including a comparison with preoperational studies and/or operational controls (as appropriate), and an assessment of the observed impacts of the plant operation on the environment. If harmful effects or evidence of irreversible damage are detected by the monitoring, the licensee shall provide an analysis of the problem and a proposed course of action to alleviate the problem.

In the case of a consistently anomalous value for radon concentration, a confirmation test shall be conducted within one week following this analysis. The results of the confirmation test shall be compared to the results of the original analysis and a report shall be submitted with the analysis, and if the high value is confirmed, the report to the NRC shall be submitted within one week following this analysis.

4. If all samples collected over a calendar quarter show average concentrations of 6.0 picocuries per liter or greater, a plan shall be submitted within 30 days advising the NRC of the proposed action to ensure the planned release annual doses will be within the design objective of 15 mrem/yr/individual to the thyroid of any individual.
5. If individual air samples show I-131 concentrations of 10 picocuries per liter or greater, a plan shall be submitted within 10 days advising the NRC of the proposed action to ensure the planned annual doses will be within the design objective of 15 mrem/yr/individual to the thyroid of any individual.
6. If, during any 12-month report period, a measured level of radioactivity in any environmental medium other than those associated with gaseous radionuclides exceeds four times the control action value, a written notification will be submitted within 30 days advising the NRC of this condition. This notification should include an evaluation of any release factors, environmental conditions, or other aspects necessary to explain the anomalous result.
7. If, during any 12-month report period, a measured level of radioactivity in any environmental medium other than those associated with gaseous radionuclides exceeds ten times the control action value, a written notification will be submitted within one week advising the NRC of this condition. This notification should include an evaluation of any release conditions, environmental factors, or other aspects necessary to explain the anomalous result.

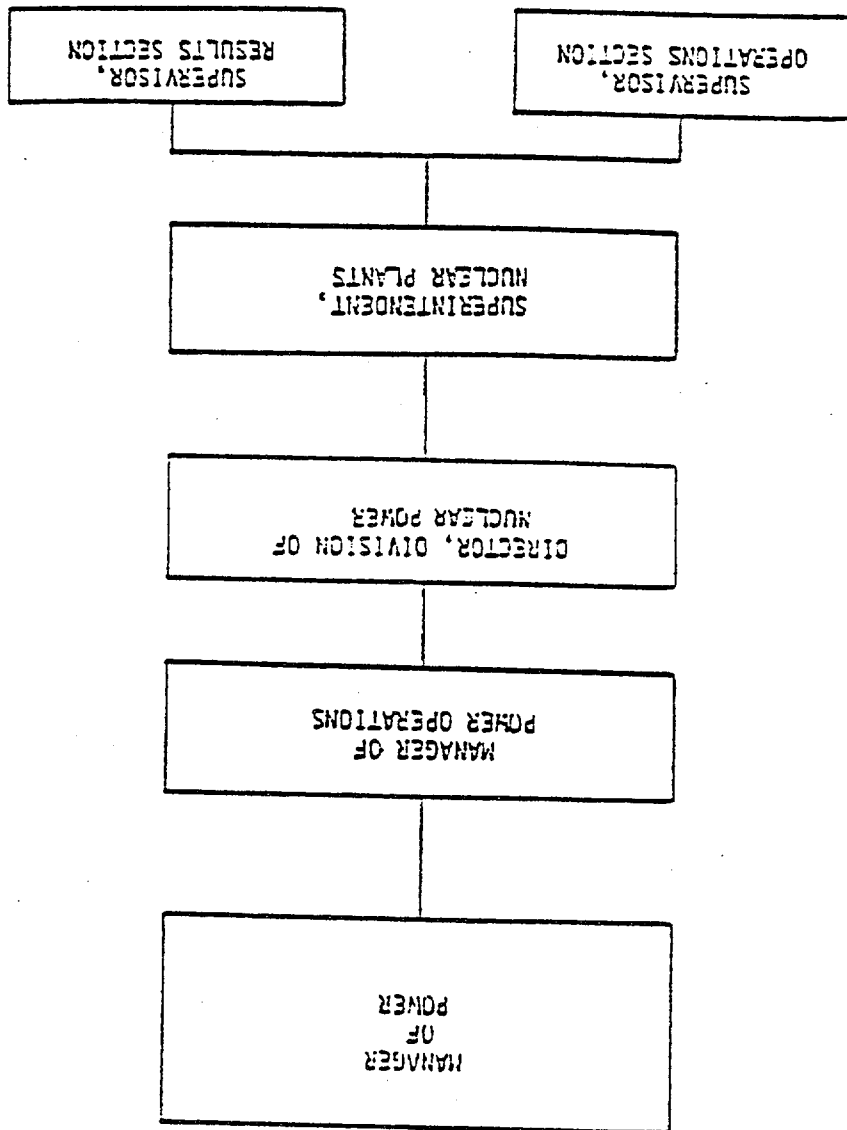
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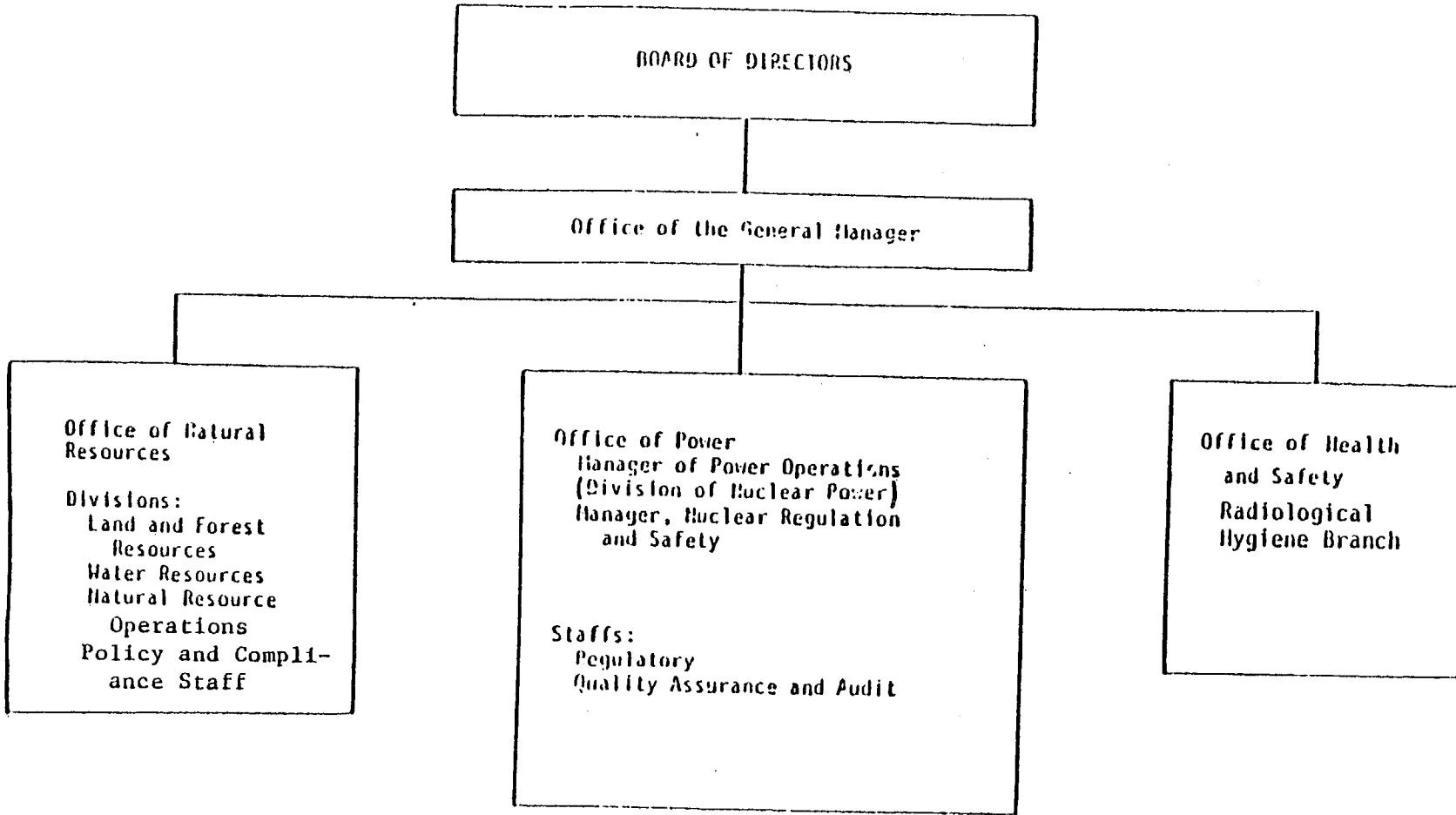
a. Radon

5.6.1 Non-Routine Reports

2. Results of all radiological environmental samples taken shall be submitted and tabulated on an annual basis. In the event that some results are not available within the 120-day period, the report shall be submitted noting and explaining the reasons for the missing results. The missing data shall be submitted as soon as possible in a supplementary report.

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 ORGANIZATION FOR OPERATION
 OF NUCLEAR PLANTS
 Figure 5.2-1
 BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT





BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT

Offices Directly or Indirectly Involved with Monitoring, Surveillance, or Research Aspects of Environmental Technical Specifications

Figure 5.2-2

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NOS. 50-259, 50-260 AND 50-296TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITYNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSES

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 80 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-33, Amendment No. 76 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-52 and Amendment No. 49 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-68 issued to Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee), which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (the facility) located in Limestone County, Alabama. The amendments are effective as of the date of issuance.

These amendments revise the Environmental Technical Specifications to (1) delete water quality and aquatic monitoring and reporting requirements which duplicate those conditions regulated by the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plants' NPDES Permit No. AL0022080 issued to TVA on June 30, 1977 and (2) change the titles in Section 5.0 (Administrative Controls) for the offices within TVA responsible for environmental activities to reflect recent organizational changes.

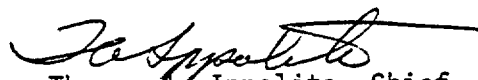
The application for the amendments complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendments. Prior public notice of these amendments was not required since the amendments do not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of these amendments will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of these amendments.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendments dated July 29, 1981, (2) Amendment No. 80 to License No DPR-33, Amendment No. 76 to License No. DPR-52, and Amendment No. 49 to License No. DPR-68, and (3) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated December 10, 1981 . All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and at the Athens Public Library, South and Forrest, Athens, Alabama 35611. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 10th day of December 1981.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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