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Dear Sir:

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

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - REPLY TO NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY (RIS) 2003-14, PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING OF OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

This letter responds to the subject NRC RIS dated August 27, 2003. In the RIS, NRC requested specific information related to: (A) proposed examination preparation schedule for the number of examinations that need to be prepared during calendar years (CY) 2004-2007, (B) schedule for initial operator license examinations, including the number of applicants to be tested and the proposed primary and alternate dates of the examinations, and (C) proposed generic fundamentals examination (GFE) schedule, including the number of candidates that plan to take the GFE in CY 2004 and 2005.

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

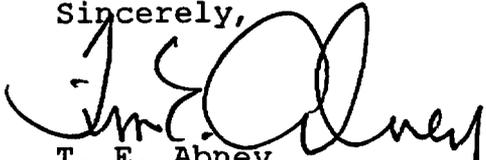
Although 10 CFR 55, Operator Licenses, allows licensees to select who will prepare, proctor, and grade written examinations required by 10 CFR 55.41 and 55.43, BFN plans to use NRC prepared examinations for the operator examinations scheduled to be administered at BFN during calendar years 2004 through 2007.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. E. Abney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "T".

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ENCLOSURE

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

FACILITY BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT				NRC REGION II				
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY-2004	CY-2005	CY-2006	CY-2007				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1				
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY-2004	CY-2005	CY-2006	CY-2007				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	15	15	12				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	4	2	0	2				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2	3	5	6				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0				
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE	4/26/04	10/10/05	8/7/06	4/30/07				
ALTERNATE DATE	5/3/04	10/17/05	8/14/06	5/7/07				
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY-2004				CY-2005			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			17			15		