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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) 2004-10, PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING OF
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS**

This letter responds to the subject NRC RIS dated June 14, 2004. 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) 2005-2008, (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 2005 and 2006.

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 to prepare the graded written examination scheduled to be administered during calendar year 2005. However, TVA plans to prepare the graded written examinations during calendar years 2006 to 2008.

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If you have any questions concerning our schedule on the graded written examinations or our proposed examination schedules, please contact T. L. Chinn at (256) 729-3439.

Sincerely,

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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-2005	CY-2006	CY-2007	CY-2008				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	1	1				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	0	0	0				
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY-2005	CY-2006	CY-2007	CY-2008				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	9	6	6				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	1	4	0	0				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2	2	6	4				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0				
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE	10/17/05	5/1/06	4/30/07	5/12/08				
ALTERNATE DATE	10/24/05	5/8/06	5/7/07	5/19/08				
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY-2005				CY-2006			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0