

July 15, 2004

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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING SUMMARY REPORT
ASSOCIATED WITH THE STAFF'S REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION BY
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR RENEWAL OF THE OPERATING
LICENSES FOR BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1, 2 AND 3
(TAC NOS. MC1768, MC1769 AND MC1770)

Dear Mr. Scalice:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) conducted a scoping process from March 10, 2004 through June 4, 2004 to determine the scope of the NRC staff's environmental review of the application for renewal of the operating licenses for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN), Units 1, 2, and 3. The application for license renewal was submitted by the Tennessee Valley Authority in a letter dated January 6, 2004. As part of the scoping process, the NRC staff held two public environmental scoping meetings in Athens, Alabama, on April 1, 2004, to solicit public input regarding the scope of the review. The scoping process is the first step in the development of a plant-specific supplement to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (GEIS)," for the BFN.

The NRC staff has prepared the enclosed Environmental Scoping Summary Report identifying comments received at the April 1, 2004, license renewal environmental scoping meetings and by regular and electronic mail. In accordance with 10 CFR 51.29(b), you are being provided a copy of the scoping summary report. The transcripts of the meetings can be found as an attachment to the meeting summary issued on May 14, 2004. The meeting summary is available for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852; or from the Publicly Available Records (PARs) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) under accession number ML041390581. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, which provides access through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

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The next step in the environmental review process is the issuance of a draft supplement to the GEIS scheduled for December 2004. Notice of the availability of the draft supplement to the GEIS and the procedures for providing comments will be published in a future *Federal Register* notice. If there are any questions concerning this matter, please have your representative contact me at 301- 415-1191.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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