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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) 2006-15, PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING OF OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS**

This letter responds to the subject NRC RIS dated August 14, 2006. 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) 2007-2010, (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, including CY 2010 and (C) proposed generic fundamentals examination (GFE) schedule, including the number of candidates that plan to take the GFE in CY 2007 and CY 2008.

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. In calendar year 2010, TVA plans to conduct 2 examinations. BFN also plans to prepare the written examinations during calendar years 2007 to 2010.

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TVA will not have any GFES examinations in calendar year 2007. If you have any questions concerning our schedules on the graded written examinations or our proposed examination schedules, please contact E. R. Scillian at (256) 729-3439.

Sincerely,



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

FACILITY <b>BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT</b>				NRC REGION II				
<b>A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE</b>								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY-2007	CY-2008	CY-2009	CY-2010				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	2				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0				
<b>B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS</b>								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY-2007	CY-2008	CY-2009	CY-2010				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	1	6	6	6 - 6				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2	0	3	0 - 3				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2	6	3	6 - 3				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0 - 0				
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE	7/09/2007	1/28/2008	4/27/2009	1/25/2010 - 7/26/2010				
ALTERNATE DATE	7/16/2007	2/04/2008	5/04/2009	2/01/2010 - 8/02/2010				
<b>C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE</b>								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY-2007				CY-2008			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	25