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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON MAY 2 AT BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT ON REGULATORY FINDINGS FOR RESTART DECISION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is scheduled to meet with Tennessee Valley Authority officials on Wednesday, May 2, to discuss regulatory findings prior to an NRC decision on TVA's requested restart of Browns Ferry Unit 1, which has been shut down since 1985.

Two meetings will be held at the plant training center, located on the plant site at 10833 Shaw Road near Athens, Al., and are open to the public. The first meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. (CDT) when the NRC will discuss with TVA officials the results of an NRC Operational Readiness Assessment Team inspection which has just been completed at Unit 1. The second meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) at which time NRC officials will discuss the conclusions of an NRC Browns Ferry Unit 1 Restart Oversight Panel which will then make a recommendation on TVA restart readiness to the NRC Region II Administrator in Atlanta.

TVA has retained Browns Ferry Unit 1's operating license during the extended shutdown but requires approval of the Region II Administrator prior to restart. That decision is expected to come as soon as feasible after Wednesday's meetings.

NRC officials will be available at the conclusion of both meetings to answer questions from the audience.

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