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Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-68
NRC Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260, and 50-296

**Subject: Technical Specifications (TS) Changes TS-431 and TS-418 –
Extended Power Uprate (EPU) – Containment Overpressure (COP)
for 10 CFR 50, Appendix R**

- Reference:
1. Letter from TVA to NRC, "Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) - Unit 1 - Proposed Technical Specifications (TS) Change TS - 431 - Request for License Amendment - Extended Power Uprate (EPU) Operation," dated June 28, 2004
 2. Letter from TVA to NRC, "Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) Units 2 and 3, Proposed Technical Specifications (TS) Change - 418, Request For License Amendment Extended Power Uprate (EPU) Operation," dated June 25, 2004
 3. Letter from TVA to NRC, "Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) - Units 1, 2, and 3 - Technical Specifications (TS) Changes TS - 431 and TS 418 - Extended Power Uprate (EPU) – Containment Overpressure (COP) for 10 CFR 50, Appendix R," dated August 28, 2009

By letters dated June 28, 2004 (Ref. 1) and June 25, 2004 (Ref. 2), the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) submitted license amendment requests (LARs) for the EPU operation of Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) Unit 1, and BFN Units 2 and 3, respectively. The LARs would increase the maximum thermal power level of each reactor by approximately 14% to 3952 megawatts, which is 120% of the original licensed thermal power.

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On August 11, 2009, TVA met with the NRC staff to discuss a path forward on 10 CFR 50, Appendix R, "Fire Protection Program for Nuclear Power Facilities Operating Prior to January 1, 1979," with regard to COP credit. During that meeting TVA indicated that the proposed approach for COP would be submitted to the NRC on August 28, 2009. In the Reference 3 letter, TVA informed the NRC that submittal of the proposed approach for COP would be delayed until August 31, 2009.

The proposed approach for COP is currently being reviewed again by TVA Senior Management. Therefore, and as agreed during a telephone conversation between E. Brown of the NRC and G. Arent of TVA on August 31, 2009, TVA will notify the NRC as soon as we establish a submittal date for the proposed COP approach.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to J. D. Wolcott at (256) 729-2495.

Respectfully,



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