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NRC SCHEDULES CONFERENCE WITH TVA TO DISCUSS BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT ISSUES

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting in Atlanta on April 4 to discuss with officials of the Tennessee Valley Authority, operators of the Browns Ferry nuclear plant, the safety significance of apparent violations of NRC requirements linked to the failure of a low pressure coolant injection valve.

The plant is located near Athens, Ala., about 32 miles west of Huntsville.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. EDT at the Hilton Downtown Atlanta Hotel, located at 255 Courtland St., in Atlanta. The meeting will be open to observation by the public, and after its conclusion, NRC officials will be available to answer questions. Members of the public interested in attending the meeting or participating by toll-free audio teleconferencing should contact the NRC's Eugene Guthrie at 404-997-4662 or eugene.guthrie@nrc.gov.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the safety significance of an apparent violation associated with the failure of a Unit 1 low pressure coolant injection outboard injection value. The valve would have been unable to fulfill its safety function if it had been needed.

No decision on NRC actions will be made at the meeting. NRC officials will review information presented by TVA at the meeting and reach a later decision on appropriate regulatory action.

The meeting notice and an inspection report with more information on the issue are available through the Region II office or via the NRC webpage at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The number to access the inspection report is ML110610641.

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