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July 10, 2012

EA-12-0133

Mr. Joseph Shea  
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SUBJECT: MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT - CATEGORY ONE - BROWNS FERRY  
NUCLEAR PLANT, DOCKET NO. 50-259, 50-260, and 50-296

Dear Mr. Shea:

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Should you have any questions concerning this meeting, please contact me at (404) 997-4662.

Sincerely,

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Eugene F. Guthrie, Chief  
Special Project, Browns Ferry  
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos.: 50-259, 50-260, 50-296  
License Nos.: DPR-33, DPR-52, DPR-68

Enclosures: As stated

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Letter to Joseph W. Shea from Eugene Guthrie dated July 10, 2012

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FACILITY: Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

DOCKET: 50-259, 50-260, and 50-296

DATE & TIME: July 25, 2012  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. (EST)

LOCATION: NRC Region 2 Office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue Ne, Atlanta, Georgia  
30303-1257

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The NRC's Policy Statement, 'Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings,' effective May 28, 2002, applies to this meeting. The policy statement may be found on the NRC Web site, [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov), and contains information regarding visitors and security.

CATEGORY: This is a **Category 1** meeting: The public is invited to attend this meeting and will have one or more opportunities to communicate with the NRC after the business portion, but before the meeting is adjourned.

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PARTICIPATING: Region II

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING: None

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MEETING CONTACT: Eugene Guthrie, NRC, RII  
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AUDIO TELE-CONFERENCE: Interested members of the public may participate in this meeting via a toll free audio teleconference. Please contact the NRC meeting contact in advance of the meeting, indicating your intent to attend and to obtain teleconferencing information.

VIDEO-CONFERENCE: Not Available

AGENDA - Attached

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA  
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

JULY 25, 2012

NRC REGION II OFFICE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

- I. OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION
- II. NRC REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY
- III. STATEMENT OF ISSUE AND APPARENT VIOLATION
- IV. TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
- V. PUBLIC QUESTIONS
- VI. BREAK/NRC CAUCUS
- VII. NRC FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS
- VIII. CLOSING REMARKS