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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: Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations**

- Reference:**
1. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated June 8, 2012
  2. Letter from the Tennessee Valley Authority to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2011-04, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated July 11, 2011

Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2012-07 (Reference 1) requested specific information regarding the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant's (BFN) projected operator licensing examination schedules and the estimated number of applicants. The enclosure to this letter addresses NRC's request and provides an estimate of the examination requirements for BFN on NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data." Please note that the information provided in the enclosure revises the information previously provided in Reference 2.

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There are no regulatory commitments associated with this submittal. If you have any questions related to this response, please contact Jeffrey S. Dills at (256) 729-2824.

Respectfully,



for

J. W. Shea

Vice President, Nuclear Licensing

Enclosure: Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07,  
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cc (Enclosure):

Regional Administrator – Region II  
NRC Senior Resident Inspector - Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

**Enclosure**

**Tennessee Valley Authority  
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant  
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**NRC Form 536  
Operator Licensing Examination Data**

<b>NRC FORM 536</b> <small>(9-2011)</small>	<b>U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION</b>	<b>APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131</b>	<b>EXPIRES: 09/30/2014</b>
<b>OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA</b>		Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Information Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to <a href="mailto:InfoCollects.Resource@nrc.gov">InfoCollects.Resource@nrc.gov</a> , and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.	

<b>FACILITY</b>  BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT 50-259, 50-260, 50-296	<b>NRC REGION</b>  NRC Region II
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**A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>	CY _____
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	2	2	1	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>	CY _____
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	8	8	8	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2	2	2	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	3	2	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>				
PRIMARY DATE	May 2016	November 2016	August 2017	
ALTERNATE DATE	June 2016	December 2016	Sept. 2017	

**C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY _____				CY _____			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES								