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Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3
Renewed 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 2013-06, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

- References:**
1. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Regulatory Issue Summary 2013-06, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated June 7, 2013
 2. Letter from the Tennessee Valley Authority to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated July 16, 2012

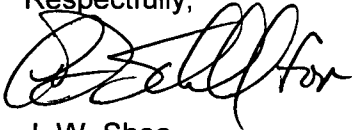
The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2013-06 (Reference 1) requested specific information regarding the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) projected operator licensing examination schedules and the estimated number of applicants. By letter dated July 16, 2012, (Reference 2) Tennessee Valley Authority provided an estimate of the examination requirements for BFN on NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data." This letter revises the estimate previously provided by 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 Christopher L. Vaughn at (256) 729-3439.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. W. Shea".

J. W. Shea
Vice President, Nuclear Licensing

Enclosure: Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2013-06, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

cc (Enclosures):

NRC Regional Administrator - Region II

Enclosure

**Tennessee Valley Authority
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant
Units 1, 2, and 3**

**Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2013-06,
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations**

NRC Form 536
Operator Licensing Examination Data
(Attached)

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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 Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov, 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.

FACILITY Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant 50-259, 50-260, 50-296	NRC REGION NRC Region II
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	8	8	8	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2	1	3	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	2	2	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	April 2014	January 2015	October 2015	May 2016
ALTERNATE DATE	May 2014	February 2015	November 2015	June 2016

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>				CY <u>2015</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	10

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>	CY <u>2018</u>	CY _____
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	

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NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	November 2016	August 2017	April 2018	
ALTERNATE DATE	December 2016	September 2017	May 2018	

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES								