

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NOS. 50-259, 50-260 AND 50-296TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITYNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY  
OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 44 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-33, Amendment No. 40 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-52, and Amendment No. 17 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-68 issued to Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee), which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1, 2 and 3, (the facility) located in Limestone County, Alabama. The amendments are effective as of the date of issuance.

These amendments change the Technical Specifications to (1) permit the average power range monitor system to be inoperable in the refuel mode, provided the source range monitors are connected to give a non-coincidence, high flux scram; (2) permit less than three intermediate range monitors (IRMs) per trip channel to be operable in the shutdown or refuel modes, provided at least four IRMs (one in each core quadrant) are connected to give a non-coincidence, high flux scram; (3) clarifies ambiguous portions of the Technical Specifications related to the rod block monitor system; (4) removes reference to an obsolete 1968 version of an ASTM procedure; (5) modifies the list of snubbers that are required to be operable; (6) removes a specification for additional tests of secondary containment that only applied during the first fuel cycle for each Browns Ferry Unit, and (7) changes one of the four locations where milk samples are collected.

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The applications for the amendments comply with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendments. Prior public notice of these amendments was not required since the amendments do not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of these amendments will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR Section 51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement, or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of these amendments.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the applications for amendments dated August 2, 1978 and August 11, 1978, (2) Amendment No. 44 to License No. DPR-33, Amendment No. 40 to License No. DPR-52, and Amendment No. 17 to License No. DPR-68, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and at the Athens Public Library, South and Forrest, Athens,

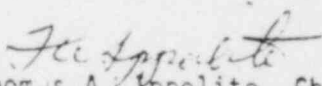
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Alabama 35611. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 16 day of November 1978.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

  
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