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September 12, 2003

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Sir:

In the Matter of	)	Docket Nos.	50-259
Tennessee Valley Authority	)		50-260
			50-296

**BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - REPLY TO NRC REGULATORY  
ISSUE SUMMARY (RIS) 2003-14, PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING OF  
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS**

This letter responds to the subject NRC RIS dated August 27, 2003. In the RIS, NRC requested specific information related to: (A) proposed examination preparation schedule for the number of examinations that need to be prepared during calendar years (CY) 2004-2007, (B) schedule for initial operator license examinations, including the number of applicants to be tested and the proposed primary and alternate dates of the examinations, and (C) proposed generic fundamentals examination (GFE) schedule, including the number of candidates that plan to take the GFE in CY 2004 and 2005.

Enclosed is a completed NRC FORM 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data, which provides BFN's current schedules for the specific information requested in the RIS.

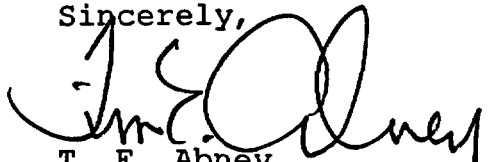
Although 10 CFR 55, Operator Licenses, allows licensees to select who will prepare, proctor, and grade written examinations required by 10 CFR 55.41 and 55.43, BFN plans to use NRC prepared examinations for the operator examinations scheduled to be administered at BFN during calendar years 2004 through 2007.

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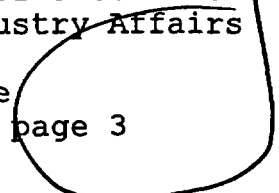
If you have any questions concerning our request for NRC to continue to prepare our examinations or our proposed examination schedules, please contact T. L. Chinn at (256) 729-3439.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure  
cc: See page 3

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Enclosure

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**ENCLOSURE**

**Enclosure**  
**Operator Licensing Examination Data**  
**(Data as defined on NRC Form 536)**

<b>FACILITY BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT</b>				<b>NRC REGION II</b>				
<b>A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE</b>								
<b>PROPOSED NUMBER</b>	<b>CY-2004</b>	<b>CY-2005</b>	<b>CY-2006</b>	<b>CY-2007</b>				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1				
<b>B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS</b>								
<b>PROPOSED NUMBER</b>	<b>CY-2004</b>	<b>CY-2005</b>	<b>CY-2006</b>	<b>CY-2007</b>				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	15	15	12				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	4	2	0	2				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2	3	5	6				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0				
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>								
PRIMARY DATE	4/26/ 04	10/10/05	8/7/06	4/30/07				
ALTERNATE DATE	5/3/ 04	10/17/05	8/14/06	5/ 7/07				
<b>C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE</b>								
<b>PROPOSED NUMBER</b>	<b>CY-2004</b>				<b>CY-2005</b>			
	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			17			15		