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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) 2005-19, PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING OF  
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS**

This letter responds to the subject NRC RIS dated August 24, 2004. 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) 2006-2009, (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 2006 with two GFEs in CY 2007.

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. In calendar year 2008, TVA plans to conduct 2 examinations.

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 prepare the graded written examinations during calendar

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years 2006 to 2008. TVA will not have any examinations in calendar year 2009.

If you have any questions concerning our schedule on the graded written examinations or our proposed examination schedules, please contact E. R. Scillian at (256) 729-3439.

Sincerely,

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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>								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY-2006	CY-2007	CY-2008	CY-2009				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	2	0				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0				
<b>B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS</b>								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY-2006	CY-2007	CY-2008	CY-2009				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	8	15	6 - 4	0				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	3	10	7 - 6	0				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	5	4 - 4	0				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0				
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>								
PRIMARY DATE	5/01/06	9/17/07	3/10/08 - 9/8/2008	N/A				
ALTERNATE DATE	5/8/06	9/24/07	3/17/08 – 9/15/2008	N/A				
<b>C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE</b>								
<b>PROPOSED NUMBER</b>	CY-2006				CY-2007			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	25	0	13	0	10	0