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REGION II**
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July 10, 2012

EA-12-0133

Mr. Joseph Shea
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**SUBJECT: MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT - CATEGORY ONE - BROWNS FERRY
NUCLEAR PLANT, DOCKET NO. 50-259, 50-260, and 50-296**

Dear Mr. Shea:

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Should you have any questions concerning this meeting, please contact me at (404) 997-4662.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Eugene F. Guthrie, Chief
Special Project, Browns Ferry
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos.: 50-259, 50-260, 50-296
License Nos.: DPR-33, DPR-52, DPR-68

Enclosures: As stated

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ADAMS: ☐ Yes

☐ NON-PUBLICLY AVAILABLE
ACCESSION NUMBER:

☐ SENSITIVE X NON-SENSITIVE
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DATE	07/10/2012	07/11/2012							
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Letter to Joseph W. Shea from Eugene Guthrie dated July 10, 2012

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FACILITY: Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

DOCKET: 50-259, 50-260, and 50-296

DATE & TIME: July 25, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. (EST)

LOCATION: NRC Region 2 Office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue Ne, Atlanta, Georgia
30303-1257

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The NRC's Policy Statement, 'Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings,' effective May 28, 2002, applies to this meeting. The policy statement may be found on the NRC Web site, www.nrc.gov, and contains information regarding visitors and security.

CATEGORY: This is a **Category 1** meeting: The public is invited to attend this meeting and will have one or more opportunities to communicate with the NRC after the business portion, but before the meeting is adjourned.

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PARTICIPATING: None

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AUDIO TELE-
CONFERENCE: Interested members of the public may participate in this meeting via a toll free audio teleconference. Please contact the NRC meeting contact in advance of the meeting, indicating your intent to attend and to obtain teleconferencing information.

VIDEO-
CONFERENCE: Not Available

AGENDA - Attached

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

JULY 25, 2012

NRC REGION II OFFICE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

- I. OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION
- II. NRC REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY
- III. STATEMENT OF ISSUE AND APPARENT VIOLATION
- IV. TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
- V. PUBLIC QUESTIONS
- VI. BREAK/NRC CAUCUS
- VII. NRC FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS
- VIII. CLOSING REMARKS