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NRC SCHEDULES REGULATORY CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS APPARENT VIOLATION AT BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has scheduled a regulatory conference with officials of the Tennessee Valley Authority to discuss an apparent violation of NRC requirements involving the training of plant operators on a new procedure.

Browns Ferry, which is operated by TVA, is located near Athens, Ala., about 32 miles west of Huntsville.

NRC and TVA officials will discuss the safety significance of an inspection finding that found plant operators and staff would not have been able to satisfactorily perform newly implemented procedures for safe plant shutdown. The NRC identified procedural inadequacies and determined that the operators and staff had not adequately been trained on the procedures.

The regulatory conference is scheduled for July 25 at 9 a.m. EDT in the NRC's Region II office, located at 245 Peachtree Center Ave., NE, Suite 1200 in Atlanta. The public is invited to attend the meeting and NRC officials will be available to answer questions.

The apparent violation has preliminarily been classified as "white." The NRC evaluates regulatory performance at commercial nuclear power plants with a color-coded system which classifies findings as green, white, yellow or red in increasing order of safety significance. A "white" finding, the level above green, has low to moderate safety significance.

No decision on the final safety significance or any possible enforcement action will be made at the regulatory conference. Those decisions will be made by NRC officials at a later time.

The NRC inspection report in which the apparent violation is documented is publicly available on the NRC website in ADAMS by using accession number ML12174A286.

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NOTE: Anyone wishing to take photos or use a camera to record any portion of a NRC meeting should contact the Office of Public Affairs beforehand.

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