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NRC Schedules Public Meeting May 14 to Discuss Agency's 2014 Assessment of Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials have scheduled a public meeting for May 14 to discuss the agency's assessment of the three units at the Browns Ferry nuclear power plant during 2014.

The Browns Ferry plant, which is operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority, is located near Athens, Ala., about 32 miles west of Huntsville.

The meeting is scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Calhoun Community College Aerospace Training Center, 6250 Highway 31 North in Tanner, Ala. The public is invited to observe the meeting between the NRC and TVA officials and will have an opportunity to ask questions or communicate with the NRC staff after the business portion of the meeting. The NRC staff will be available to answer questions about the safety performance of the Browns Ferry plant as well as overall NRC oversight and inspection.

Overall, the NRC staff concluded that the three units at the Browns Ferry site operated safely in 2014, but during the first three quarters of the year, the plant was subject to increased oversight for some previous issues. During the fourth quarter of 2014, all three units returned to normal NRC oversight and the plant will continue to receive the detailed routine or baseline inspections conducted at all nuclear power plants.

"NRC inspectors continually evaluate each nuclear plant's safety, and each year we take a detailed look at that information to identify any trends and help plan future inspections," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree. "Inspection results are available throughout the year, but these annual meetings allow us to talk to local residents and answer any questions they may have."

Routine inspections are carried out by the NRC resident inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region II office in Atlanta.

The annual [assessment letter](#) for the Browns Ferry plant, as well as current performance information for [Unit 1](#), [Unit 2](#) and [Unit 3](#) is available on the NRC website.