

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Docket Nos. 50-250, 50-260, and 50-296; NRC-2014-0054]

Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application; withdrawal by applicant.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has granted the request of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA, the licensee) to withdraw its application dated November 22, 2013, as supplemented by letters dated April 4, August 15, September 30, 2014, and January 29, 2015, for a proposed amendment to Renewed Facility Operating License (RFOL) Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-68, for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3 (Browns Ferry). The proposed amendment would have revised the Browns Ferry Technical Specifications to decrease the allowable leakage rate criteria for the Main Steam Isolation Valves (MSIVs).

DATES: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATON IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The NRC has granted the request of the TVA to withdraw its November 22, 2013, application for the proposed amendment to RFOLs for Browns Ferry, located in Limestone County, AL.

By letter dated November 22, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14015A403), as supplemented by letters dated April 4, August 15, September 30, 2014, and January 29, 2015 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML14100A143, ML14230A827, ML14275A247, and ML15030A499, respectively), TVA proposed changing Browns Ferry Technical Specification 3.6.1.3, "Primary

Containment Isolation Valves (PCIVs),” to reduce the individual and total leakage rate through the MSIVs. In the TVA letter dated August 30, 2013, “Updated Reply to Notice of Violation; EA-11-252,” the Alternative Leakage Treatment (ALT) Pathway was identified as being in a nonconforming/degraded condition. The corrective actions that were outlined to change the ALT Pathway included modification of licensing documents to show lower individual and total leakage rates through the MSIVs. The proposed change would have made the current passive secondary ALT Pathway the primary pathway and decreased the leakage rates from 100 standard cubic feet per hour (scfh) per valve to 60 scfh for individual MSIVs and the combined leakage rates for all four main steam lines from 150 scfh to 85 scfh.

The NRC published a Biweekly Notice in the *Federal Register* on April 8, 2014 (79 FR 19401), that gave notice that this proposed amendment was under consideration by the NRC. However, by letter dated May 29, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No ML15159B009), the licensee requested to withdraw the proposed amendment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of June 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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