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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT,
UNITS 1, 2 AND 3 (REPORT 05000259/2021006, 05000260/2021006 AND
05000296/2021006)

Dear Mr. Barstow:

The NRC has completed its end-of-cycle performance assessment of Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3, reviewing performance indicators (PIs), inspection results, and enforcement actions from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. This letter informs you of the NRC's assessment of your facility during this period and its plans for future inspections at your facility. The NRC concluded that overall performance at your facility preserved public health and safety. The baseline inspection program was completed at your facility as defined in Inspection Manual Chapter 2515, "Light-Water Reactor Inspection Program - Operations Phase."

The NRC determined the performance at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3, during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column, the highest performance category of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix, because all inspection findings had very low safety significance (i.e., Green), and all PIs were within the expected range (i.e., Green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through December 31, 2023. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the last twelve months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes.

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), the NRC adjusted inspection plans and schedules in order to safeguard the health and safety of both NRC and licensee staff while still effectively implementing the ROP. While the PHE continues, overall conditions throughout the country support performance of our inspection and oversight activities to return to normal onsite presence by our resident and region-based inspectors and completion of nominal baseline inspection samples. We continue to monitor site-specific conditions and as discussed in our November 2, 2021 memo, "Implementation of Inspection Programs Following Re-Entry from the Public Health Emergency for the Reactor Safety Program" (ML21295A302),

it may be necessary to alter how and when we perform our inspection and oversight activities as we balance the importance of protecting the health and safety of our staff with the need to conduct effective oversight that supports the NRC's critical safety mission. For inspections requiring extensive coordination with offsite organizations, such as evaluated emergency preparedness exercises, NRC guidance and frequently asked questions for security and emergency preparedness can be found here <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/covid-19/security-ep/>. Similarly, the NRC has developed guidance if force-on-force inspections cannot be completed as scheduled due to an emergency, such as the COVID-19 PHE. These changes help ensure the health and safety of both NRC and licensee staff while maintaining the NRC's important safety and security mission during the COVID-19 PHE. The attached inspection plan is accurate on the date of issuance but remains subject to change based on approval of potential exemption requests or other changes needed due to changing conditions in the COVID-19 PHE. NRC staff will contact your appropriate regulatory affairs staff in order to coordinate inspection planning and scheduling.

In addition to the ROP baseline inspections, we also plan on conducting infrequently performed inspections which include initial license examinations, post-approval license renewal phase 4, and operation of an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI).

In accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Please contact me at (404) 997-4703 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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License Nos.: DPR-33, DPR-52, DPR-68

Enclosure:
Browns Ferry Inspection/Activity Plan
(03/01/2022- 12/31/2023)

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Site Inspection Activity Plan

Browns Ferry

03/01/2022 - 12/31/2023

Unit	Start	End	Activity	CAC	Title	Staff Count
UNIT 3 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION						1
3	3/7/2022	3/11/2022	IP 71111.08G	000701	Inservice Inspection Activities (BWR)	
BROWNS FERRY INITIAL LICENSE EXAM						6
1, 2, 3	4/10/2022	4/17/2022	OV	000956	FB-OR-ONSITE VALIDATION OF INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION (OV)	
1, 2, 3	5/15/2022	5/29/2022	EXAD	000500	FB-OR-INITIAL LICENSE EXAM ADMINISTRATION (EXAD)	
FORCE-ON-FORCE PLANNING AND EXERCISE WEEKS -BFN						6
1, 2, 3	5/16/2022	5/20/2022	IP 71130.03	000735	Contingency Response - Force-On-Force Testing	
1, 2, 3	6/6/2022	6/10/2022	IP 71130.03	000735	Contingency Response - Force-On-Force Testing	
CYBER SECURITY INSPECTION						2
1, 2, 3	5/16/2022	5/20/2022	IP 71130.10	000741	Cybersecurity	
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM INSPECTION						2
1, 2, 3	6/6/2022	6/10/2022	IP 71114.02	000717	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1, 2, 3	6/6/2022	6/10/2022	IP 71114.03	000718	Emergency Response Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1, 2, 3	6/6/2022	6/10/2022	IP 71114.04	000719	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1, 2, 3	6/6/2022	6/10/2022	IP 71114.05	000720	Maintenance of Emergency Preparedness	
1, 2, 3	6/6/2022	6/10/2022	IP 71151	001397	Performance Indicator Verification	
DESIGN BASES ASSURANCE INSPECTION (PROGRAMS)						3
1, 2, 3	7/18/2022	7/22/2022	IP 71111.21N.02	001645	Design-Basis Capability of Power-Operated Valves Under 10 CFR 50.55a Requirements	
1, 2, 3	8/1/2022	8/5/2022	IP 71111.21N.02	001645	Design-Basis Capability of Power-Operated Valves Under 10 CFR 50.55a Requirements	
PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION						4
1, 2, 3	8/8/2022	8/12/2022	IP 71152B	000747	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1, 2, 3	8/22/2022	8/26/2022	IP 71152B	000747	Problem Identification and Resolution	
SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION						3
1, 2, 3	8/15/2022	8/19/2022	IP 71130.02	000734	Access Control	
1, 2, 3	8/15/2022	8/19/2022	IP 71130.04	000736	Equipment Performance, Testing, and Maintenance	
1, 2, 3	8/15/2022	8/19/2022	IP 71130.07	000739	Security Training	
1, 2, 3	8/15/2022	8/19/2022	IP 71130.09	001656	Security Plan Changes	
1, 2, 3	8/15/2022	8/19/2022	IP 71151	001338	Performance Indicator Verification	
BROWNS FERRY REQUAL INSPECTION						2
1, 2, 3	9/12/2022	9/16/2022	IP 71111.11B	000704	Licensed Operator Requalification Program and Licensed Operator Performance	
UNIT 1 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION						1

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1	10/3/2022	10/7/2022	IP 71111.08G	000701	Inservice Inspection Activities (BWR)	
POST-APPROVAL LICENSE RENEWAL PHASE 4						4
1, 2, 3	12/5/2022	12/9/2022	IP 71003	000687	Post-Approval Site Inspection for License Renewal	
MATERIAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTING						1
1, 2, 3	1/1/2023	3/31/2023	IP 71130.11	000742	Material Control and Accounting (MC&A)	
TVA CORPORATE AA/FFD INSPECTION						2
1, 2, 3	1/9/2023	1/13/2023	IP 71130.01	000733	Access Authorization	
1, 2, 3	1/9/2023	1/13/2023	IP 71130.08	000740	Fitness For Duty Program	
SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION						2
1, 2, 3	2/6/2023	2/10/2023	IP 71130.01	000733	Access Authorization	
1, 2, 3	2/6/2023	2/10/2023	IP 71130.02	000734	Access Control	
1, 2, 3	2/6/2023	2/10/2023	IP 71130.08	000740	Fitness For Duty Program	
1, 2, 3	2/6/2023	2/10/2023	IP 71130.09	001656	Security Plan Changes	
1, 2, 3	2/6/2023	2/10/2023	IP 71151	001338	Performance Indicator Verification	
UNIT 2 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION						1
2	2/27/2023	3/3/2023	IP 71111.08G	000701	Inservice Inspection Activities (BWR)	
RP OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION SAFETY BASELINE						2
1, 2, 3	2/27/2023	3/3/2023	IP 71124.01	000725	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2, 3	2/27/2023	3/3/2023	IP 71124.03	000727	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1, 2, 3	2/27/2023	3/3/2023	IP 71124.04	000728	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1, 2, 3	2/27/2023	3/3/2023	IP 71124.05	000729	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1, 2, 3	3/13/2023	3/17/2023	IP 71124.01	000725	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2, 3	3/13/2023	3/17/2023	IP 71124.03	000727	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1, 2, 3	3/13/2023	3/17/2023	IP 71124.04	000728	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1, 2, 3	3/13/2023	3/17/2023	IP 71124.05	000729	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
EVALUATIONS OF CHANGES, TEST AND EXPERIMENTS						3
1, 2, 3	5/1/2023	5/5/2023	IP 71111.17T	000709	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments	
OPERATION ON AN ISFSI						2
1, 2, 3	6/5/2023	6/9/2023	IP 60855	001001	Operation Of An ISFSI	
TRIENNIAL HEAT SINK PERFORMANCE						1
1, 2, 3	6/19/2023	6/23/2023	IP 71111.07SIX	000700	Heat Sink Performance	
1, 2, 3	6/19/2023	6/23/2023	IP 71111.07T	000700	Heat Sink Performance	
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE INSPECTION						5
1, 2, 3	6/26/2023	6/30/2023	IP 71114.01	000716	Exercise Evaluation	
1, 2, 3	6/26/2023	6/30/2023	IP 71114.04	000719	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1, 2, 3	6/26/2023	6/30/2023	IP 71151	001397	Performance Indicator Verification	

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BROWNS FERRY INITIAL LICENSE EXAM

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