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NRC TO MEET WITH TVA OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SAFETY PERFORMANCE AT BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with Tennessee Valley Authority officials on Tuesday, April 20, to discuss the results of NRC's annual assessment of safety performance at the Browns Ferry nuclear power plant near Athens, Alabama.

The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. (CDT) in the Browns Ferry training center auditorium, located near the site. The public is invited to observe the meeting, and NRC officials will be available before the conclusion of the meeting to answer any questions.

The NRC says TVA operated Units 2 and 3 safely during the previous year. As a result of that assessment, the NRC will conduct normal inspections for those two units at Browns Ferry this year.

The NRC says it will also conduct additional inspections (not related to the plant's performance) on spent nuclear fuel material control and accountability, the plant's spent nuclear fuel storage construction project, and license renewal activities. Inspections related to security orders and any changes in security requirements will also be conducted in addition to the normal inspection program.

Additionally, the NRC plans to continue to conduct routine oversight inspections of the Unit 1 recovery work and specialized inspections of significant Unit 1 modifications. The NRC also plans to review Unit 1's readiness for transition to normal NRC oversight in the areas of emergency preparedness, security and radiological protection.

A letter from the NRC to TVA is available from Region II Public Affairs and on the NRC web site at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/bf_2003q4.pdf.

Current performance indicators for the two operating units at the Browns Ferry plant are available at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/BF2/bf2_chart.html and www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/BF3/bf3_chart.html.

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