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NRC FINDS NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FROM EXTENDED OPERATION OF BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1, 2 & 3

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued its final environmental impact statement on the proposed renewal of the operating licenses for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2 and 3. The report contains the NRC's finding that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude license renewal for an additional 20 years of operation.

The Browns Ferry plant is located in Limestone County, Ala., about 10 miles southwest of Athens, Ala. The current operating licenses expire on Dec. 20, 2013, for Unit 1; June 28, 2014, for Unit 2; and July 2, 2016, for Unit 3. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the licensee, submitted an application for renewal of the licenses on Jan. 6, 2004.

Browns Ferry Unit 1 has been shut down since 1985, and TVA is readying the facility for restart. TVA anticipates resuming Unit 1 operations in May 2007.

As part of its environmental review of the application, the NRC held public meetings near the plant to discuss the scope of the review and the draft version of the environmental impact statement. Comments were received from members of the public, local officials and representatives of state and federal agencies.

The Browns Ferry Final Environmental Impact Statement is available on the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/supplement21/index.html>. Copies are also available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md.; and the Athens-Limestone Public Library, 405 East South Street, in Athens.

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