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NRC TO DISCUSS 2006 PERFORMANCE AT BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is scheduled to meet with Tennessee Valley Authority officials on Monday, April 2, to discuss the NRC's annual assessment of safety performance for 2006 at the Browns Ferry nuclear power plant, located near Athens, Ala.

The meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) at the plant's Training Center is open to public observation. The NRC staff will present the results of the assessment and be available to respond to questions or comments from the public before the close of the meeting.

"The NRC continually reviews the performance of the Browns Ferry plant and the nation's other commercial nuclear power facilities," NRC Region II Administrator William Travers said. "This meeting is a chance for us to discuss that safety performance with the company, with local officials and with people living near the plant."

A letter sent from the NRC Region II Office to plant officials addresses the performance of Units 2 and 3 during the period and will serve as the basis for that meeting's discussion. It is available on the NRC web site at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/bf_2006q4.pdf.

The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess nuclear plant performance. The colors start with "green" and then increase to "white," "yellow" or "red," depending on the safety significance of the issues involved.

The NRC said the Browns Ferry plant operated safely during 2006 with all inspection findings being "green," or very low safety significance, and all performance indicators also indicating performance at levels requiring no additional NRC oversight.

As a result, the NRC plans to conduct only routine baseline inspections for Units 2 and 3 for the rest of 2007. The NRC staff will also conduct several other inspections, including the independent spent fuel storage installation and extended power uprate modifications.

Current information for Browns Ferry Units 2 and 3 is available on the NRC web site 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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