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NRC SCHEDULES MEETING TO DISCUSS FIRE PROTECTION ISSUES AT BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public meeting for Tuesday, Dec. 14, to discuss corrective actions associated with previously issued inspection findings related to fire protection at the Browns Ferry nuclear power plant. The plant is located near Athens, Ala., and is operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. CST in the Browns Ferry Training Center Auditorium at the plant site. Members of the public may attend the meeting and NRC officials will be available to answer questions after the discussion.

The discussion at this regulatory performance meeting will focus on the adequacy of the company's corrective actions associated with two inspection findings and related violations. One finding, classified as white, dealt with a revision of the plant's fire procedures which reduced their effectiveness. The second finding, determined to be yellow, involved failures to take adequate measures to protect equipment in the event of a fire.

Under the NRC reactor oversight process, inspection findings are evaluated using a significance determination process and assigned colors indicating their safety significance. Findings with very low safety significance are labeled "green." "White" findings have low to moderate safety significance, "yellow" findings have substantial safety significance, and "red" findings have high safety significance. Inspection findings with higher safety significance than "green" prompt the NRC to increase oversight and inspection.

The meeting notice and the NRC inspection report covering the issues are available through the agency's electronic reading room at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.

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