

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-259, 50-260 and 50-296]

Tennessee Valley Authority; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) has issued Amendment Nos. 234, 253 and 212 to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52 and DPR-68 issued to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA or the licensee) for operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN), Units 1, 2 and 3, respectively, located in Limestone County, Alabama.

The amendments implement a full conversion from the current Technical Specifications (TS) to a set of TS based on NUREG-1433, Revision 1, "Standard Technical Specifications for General Electric Plants, BWR/4," dated April 1995. The application for the amendments complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendments.

Notices of consideration of Issuance of Amendments to facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing in connection with this action were published in the **Federal Register** on October 23, 1996 (61 FR 55026), June 1, 1998 (63 FR 29763) and June 12, 1998 (63 FR 32252). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following these notices.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental assessment to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of the amendments will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment (63 FR 34944).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated September 6, 1996, as supplemented May 1, August 14, November 5 and 14, December 3, 4, 11, 22, 23, 29 and 30, 1997, January 23,

March 12, April 16, 20 and 28, and May 7, 14, 19 and 27, and June 2, 5, 10 and 19, 1998, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC and at the local public document room located at the Athens Public Library, 405 E. South Street, Athens, Alabama.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of July, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A Nonparametric Statistical Methodology for the Design and Analysis of Final Status Decommissioning Surveys: Interim Draft for Comment and Use

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
 Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability for use of NUREG-1505, "A Nonparametric Statistical Methodology for the Design and Analysis of Final Status Decommissioning Surveys, Interim Draft for Comment and Use." NUREG-1505 provides the statistical basis for Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual's (MARSSIM) information on planning, conducting, and evaluating environmental radiological surveys of surface soils and building surfaces for demonstrating compliance with regulations. NUREG-1505 now incorporates public and NRC staff comments received since its initial publication in August 1995 and MARSSIM's publication in December 1996. The NRC reviewed public comments received on the draft NUREG as well as comments received as a result of a concurrent, independent, technical peer review. Suggested changes were incorporated, where appropriate, in response to those comments.

DATES: The comment period ends December 31, 1998. Comments received after this date will be considered if practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for those comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch,

Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Hand deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville Maryland, between 7:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Federal workdays.

Comments may also be submitted through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to DLM1@NRC.GOV.

Those considering public comment may request a free single copy of NUREG-1505, while supplies last, by contacting the Office of the chief Information Officer, Reproduction and Distribution Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; or send a facsimile to 301-415-2289 or e-mail to GRW1@nrc.gov. A copy is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington DC 20555-0001. All others may purchase this report by writing to: The Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20402-9328.

The manual is also available through the Internet by linkage from the NRC home page at: <http://www.nrc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning technical information in the NUREG should be addressed to George E. Powers, Phone: (301) 415-6212, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, MS T-9C24, Washington DC 20555, e-mail gep@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NUREG provides additional information not contained in MARSSIM on planning, conducting and evaluating environmental radiological surveys of soil surfaces and building surfaces for demonstrating compliance with regulations. The MARSSIM, now finalized, is a multi-agency consensus document.

NUREG-1505 provides the technical basis for MARSSIM's objective to describe standardized and consistent approaches for surveys of soil surfaces and building surfaces, which provide a high degree of assurance that established release criteria, limits, guidelines, and conditions of the regulatory agencies are satisfied, while at the same time encouraging an effective use of resources. The techniques, methodologies, and philosophies that form the bases of this manual were developed to be consistent with current Federal limits, guidelines, and procedures.

The agency is soliciting comments arising from review and use of the NUREG in conjunction with MARSSIM.