

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](mailto: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.

Comments will be reviewed and resolved as appropriate in the next revision of the NUREG.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of June, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**John W. Craig,**

*Director, Division of Regulatory Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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## Nuclear Regulatory Commission

### Assessment of the Use of Potassium Iodide (KI) as a Public Protective Action During Severe Reactor Accidents; Availability of NUREG

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Request for comments and notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is announcing the availability of draft NUREG-1633, "Assessment of the Use of Potassium Iodide (KI) As a Public Protective Action During Severe Reactor Accidents," and is requesting comments by September 15, 1998. Copies may be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, PO Box 37082, Washington, DC 20402-9328. You may obtain a copy free of charge to the extent of supply by writing to: Reproduction and Distribution Section, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop OP-137, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aby S. Mohseni, Division of Incident Response, Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Telephone: 301-415-6409, e-mail [asm@nrc.gov](mailto:asm@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 26, 1998, the Commission directed the staff to issue the draft NUREG-1633 for public comment. The staff will publish NUREG-1633 in its final form after evaluating comments received and making the appropriate changes. Subsequently, the staff will develop an information brochure based on NUREG-1633 to assist State and local planners in reaching an informed decision as to whether KI is an appropriate protective supplement.

### Electronic Availability

Draft NUREG-1633 is also available electronically in the Reference Library

area of the NRC's Home Page under technical reports. (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Frank J Congel,**

*Director, Division of Incident Response, Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 15a-4, SEC File No. 270-7, OMB Control No. 3235-0010

Rule 17a-1, SEC File No. 270-244, OMB Control No. 3235-0208

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted for extension of OMB approval the following rules:

Rule 15a-4 (17 CFR 240.15a-4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) permits a natural person who is a member of a securities exchange and who terminates its association with a registered broker-dealer to continue to do business on the exchange while the Commission reviews his application for registration as a broker-dealer, if the exchange files a statement indicating that there does not appear to be any ground for disapproving the application. The total annual burden imposed by Rule 15a-4 is 240 hours, based on approximately 30 submissions, each requiring 8 hours to complete.

Completing and filing Form BD is mandatory in order for a broker-dealer to obtain the 45-day extension under Rule 15a-4 and does not involve the collection of confidential information.

Rule 17a-1 (17 CFR 240.17a-1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) requires that all national securities exchanges, national securities associations, registered clearing agencies, and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board keep on file for a period of five years, two years in an accessible place, all documents which it makes or receives respecting its self-regulatory activities, and that such documents be available for examination

by the Commission. The average number of hours necessary for compliance with the requirements of Rule 17a-1 is 50 hours per year. There are 26 entities required to comply with the rule: 8 national securities exchanges, 1 national securities association, 16 registered clearing agencies, and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The total number of hours required for all respondents to comply with the rule is thus 1,300 hours annually.

Completing the requirements under Rule 17a-1, are mandatory, and does not involve the collection of confidential information.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: July 13, 1998.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of July 20, 1998.

A closed meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners Counsel to the Commission, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (8), (9)(A) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(4), (8), (9)(i) and