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SUBJECT: PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY FOR BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT,
DOCKET NO. 50-259, 260, and 296

Dear Mr. Shea:

This refers to the meeting conducted near the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant on December 5, 2012. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct a regulatory performance meeting following the completion of three supplemental inspections for one White inspection finding and two White performance indicators. Additionally, there was discussion concerning the status of TVA's preparations for NRC supplemental inspection in accordance with Inspection Procedure 95003, "Supplemental Inspection for Repetitive Degraded Cornerstones, Multiple Degraded Cornerstones, Multiple Yellow Inputs, or One Red Input," at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant.

During the regulatory performance meeting, the NRC informed TVA that the NRC has successfully completed supplemental inspections for one White inspection finding and two White performance indicators. The NRC informed TVA that both performance indicators are no longer assessed as Action Matrix inputs because they have returned to Green significance level. However, the White finding will continue to be assessed as an action matrix input until the end of the first quarter of 2013 and therefore the Action Matrix assessment for the Browns Ferry Units will remain unchanged at this time.

A list of attendees and a copy of the presentation handouts are enclosed.

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Should you have any questions concerning this meeting, please contact me at (404) 997-4662.

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BROWNS FERRY PUBLIC MEETING

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December 5, 2012

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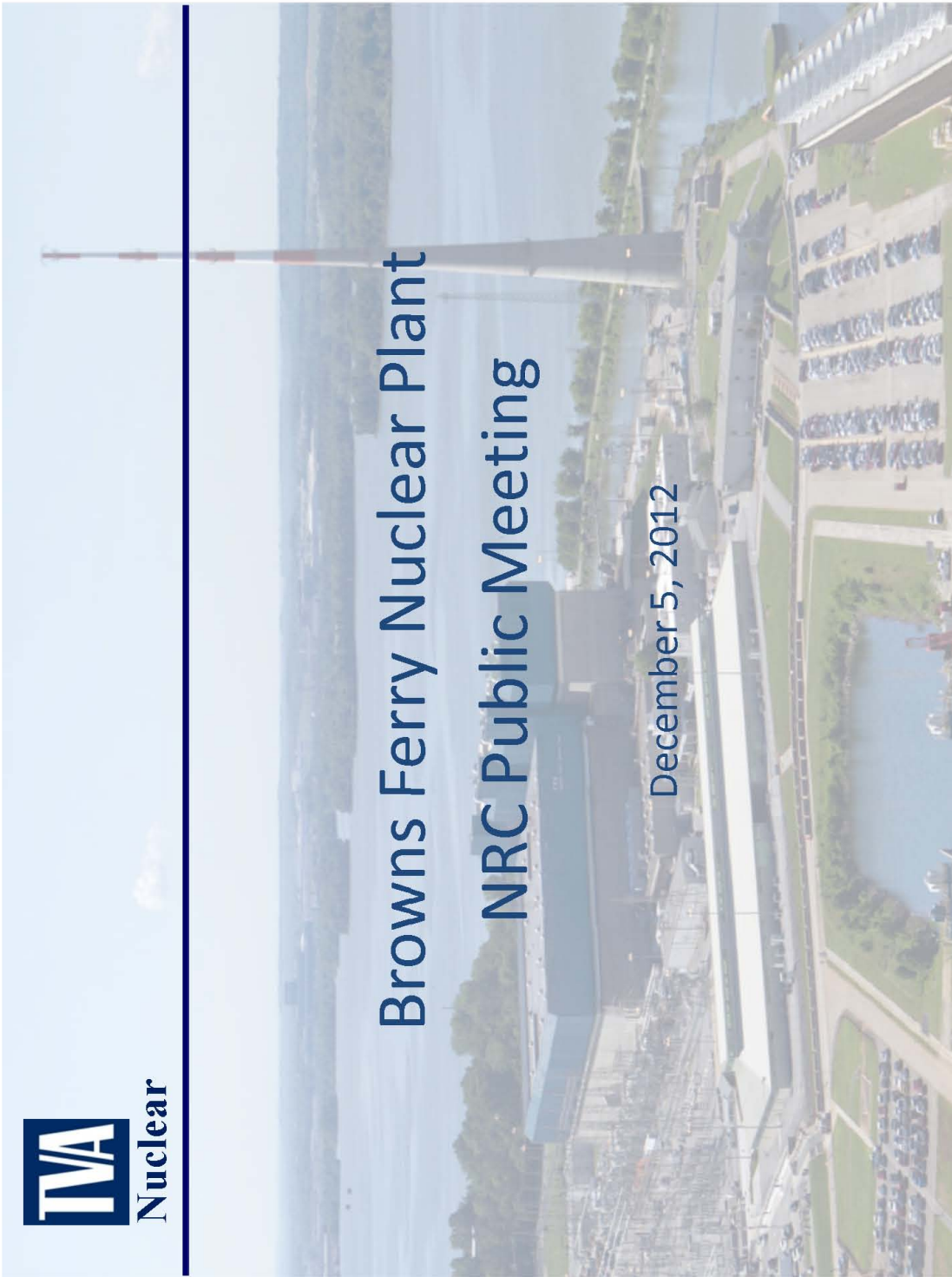
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Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant NRC Public Meeting

December 5, 2012





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Opening Remarks

Keith Polson

Browns Ferry Site Vice President





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Integrated Improvement Plan

- Integrated Improvement Plan developed to:
 - Address the Red Finding, the Fundamental Problems, and the Independent Nuclear Safety Culture assessment results;
 - Reduce risk;
 - Improve equipment reliability; and
 - Ensure sustained performance improvement.
- Status of Integrated Improvement Plan implementation
 - Approximately 93 percent of Designated Actions complete
 - Approximately 72 percent of all actions complete





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Results Achieved

- Unit Operation
 - Three unit consecutive day run record – 139 days
 - Three unit cumulative record run – 949 days
 - Unit consecutive day run record – 545 days and counting
- Safety
 - Over 7 million man-hours without a lost time accident and counting

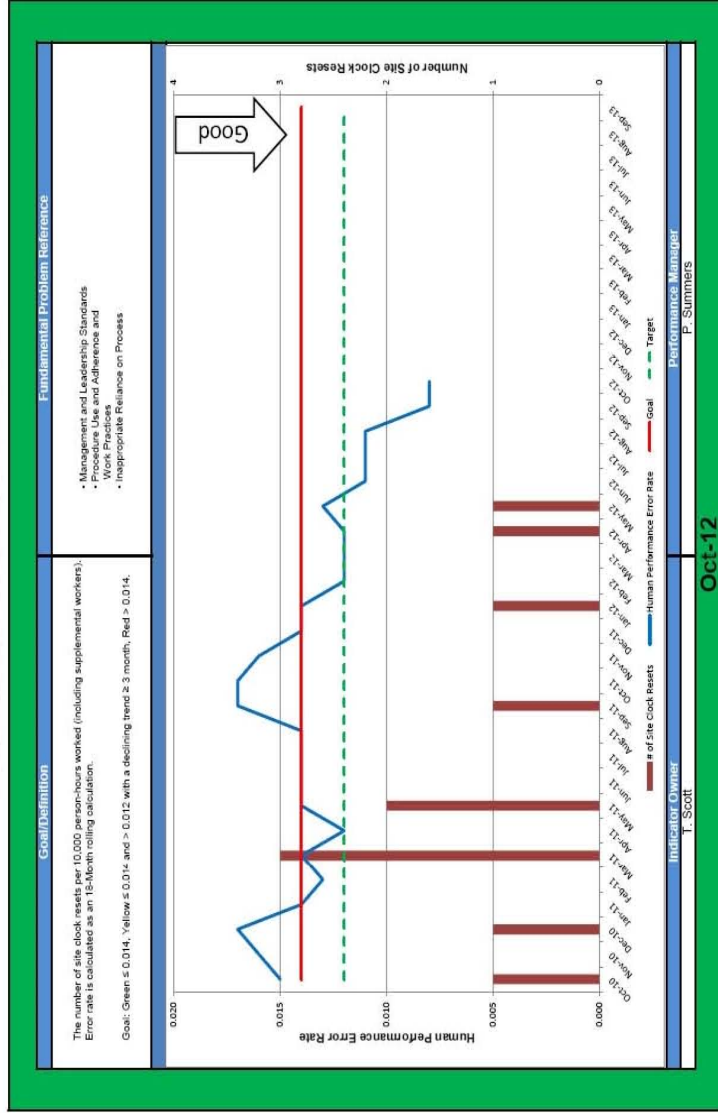




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Results Achieved

Site Human Performance Error Rate

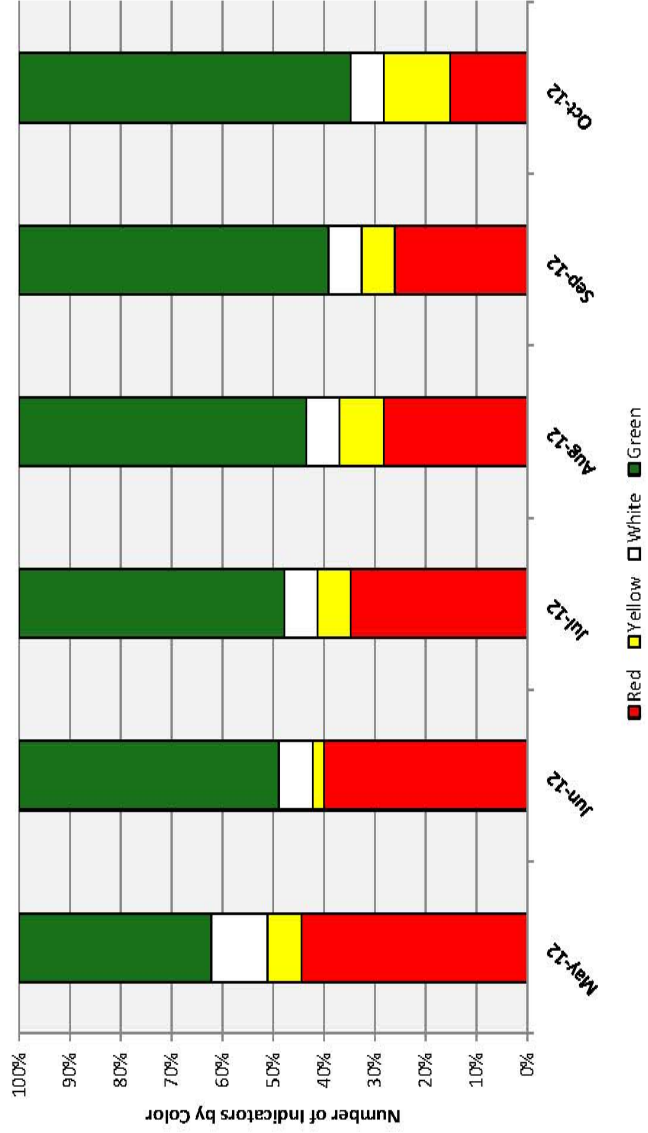




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Results Achieved

BFN 95003 Performance Metrics Trend

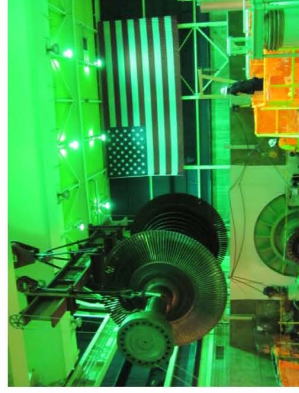




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Unit 1 Refueling Outage Highlights

- Refurbished the high pressure coolant injection system
- Replaced two residual heat removal and two core spray pump motors
- Replaced the main generator circuit breakers
- Upgraded the automatic voltage regulator for the main generator





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95003 Inspection Readiness

- Expect to formally request the 95003 Supplemental Inspection in January
- Anticipate the onsite portion of the inspection being conducted following the Unit 2 refueling outage in the spring
- Remaining Activities
 - Satisfy remaining inspection readiness criteria
 - Complete the readiness assessment

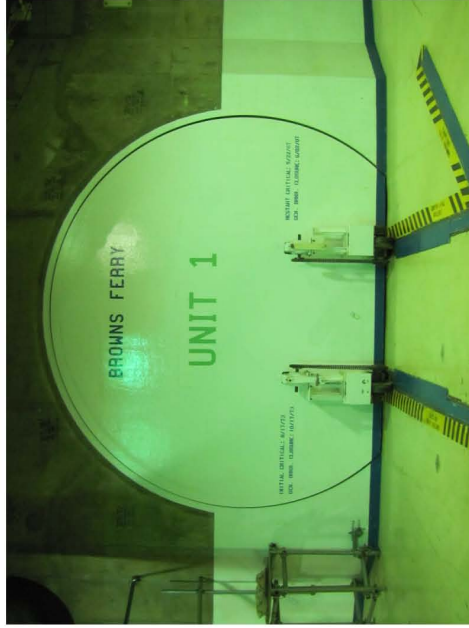




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Closing Remarks

Preston Swafford Chief Nuclear Officer, TVA



Browns Ferry
REGULATORY PERFORMANCE AND
95003 INSPECTION STATUS PUBLIC
MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission – Region 2
December 5, 2012



Introduction



Agenda

- Regulatory Status And Information
- Tennessee Valley Authority
- Public Questions
- Closing Remarks

Purpose



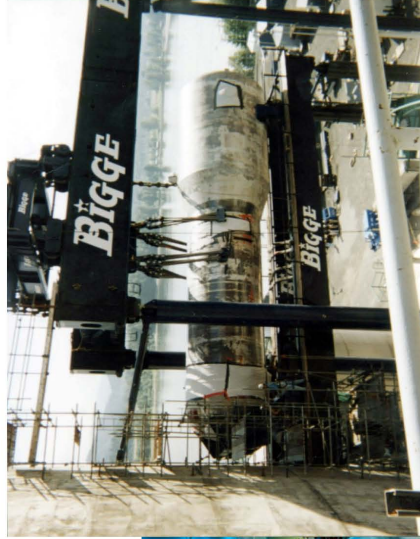
- Present Browns Ferry performance issues, underlying causes, and planned licensee actions for each safety-significant Action Matrix input.
- Update status of preparations for 95003 inspection at Browns Ferry.



Assurance of Plant Safety

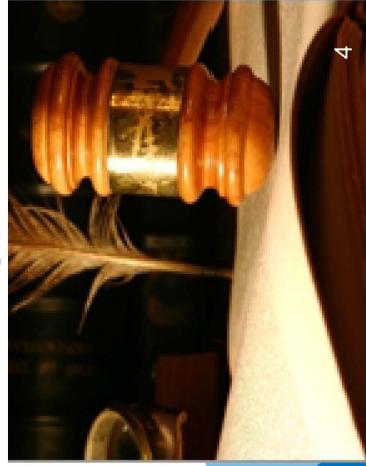
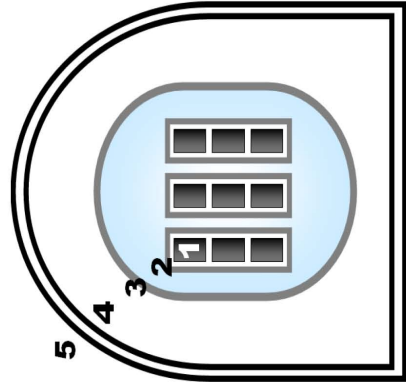


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Training



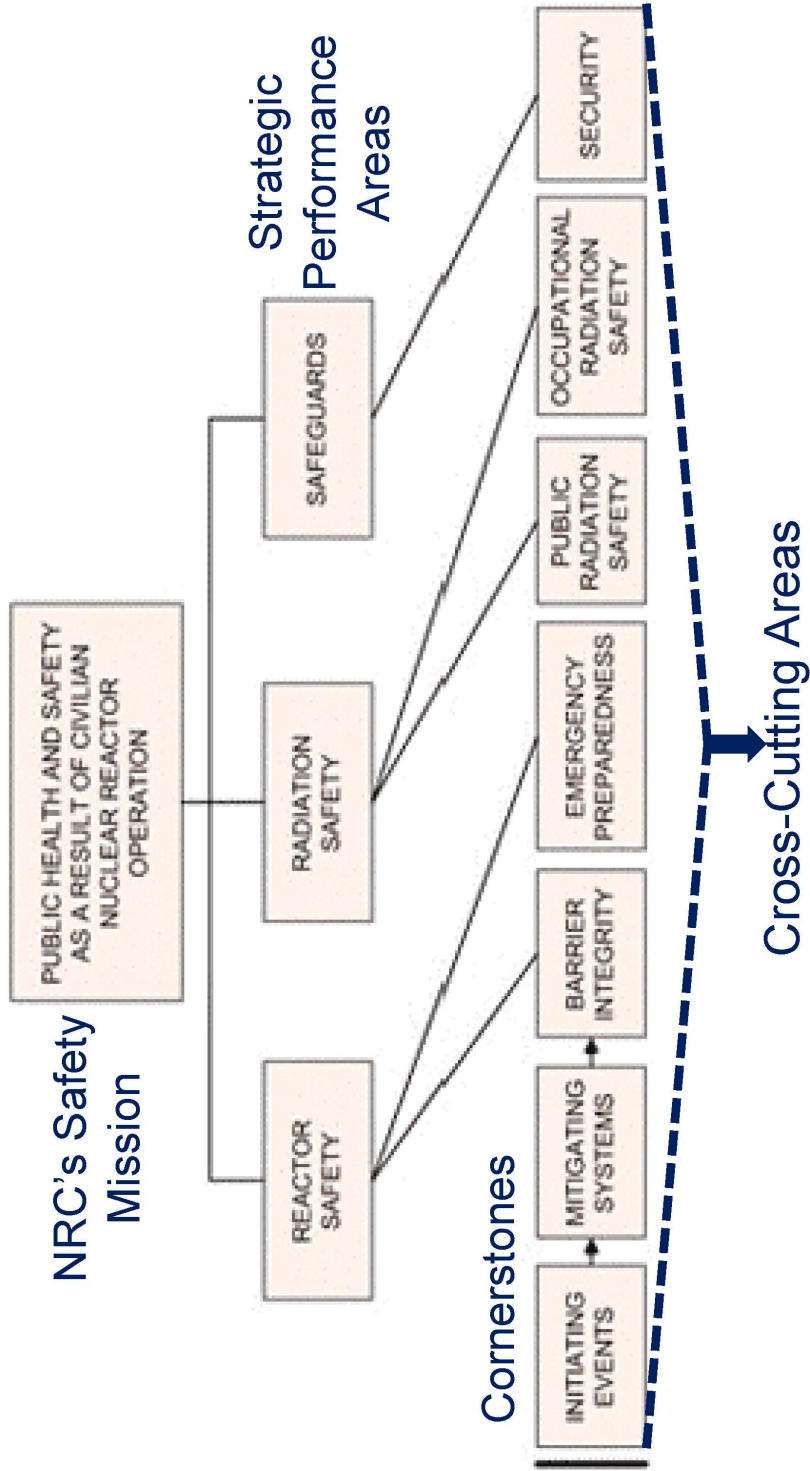
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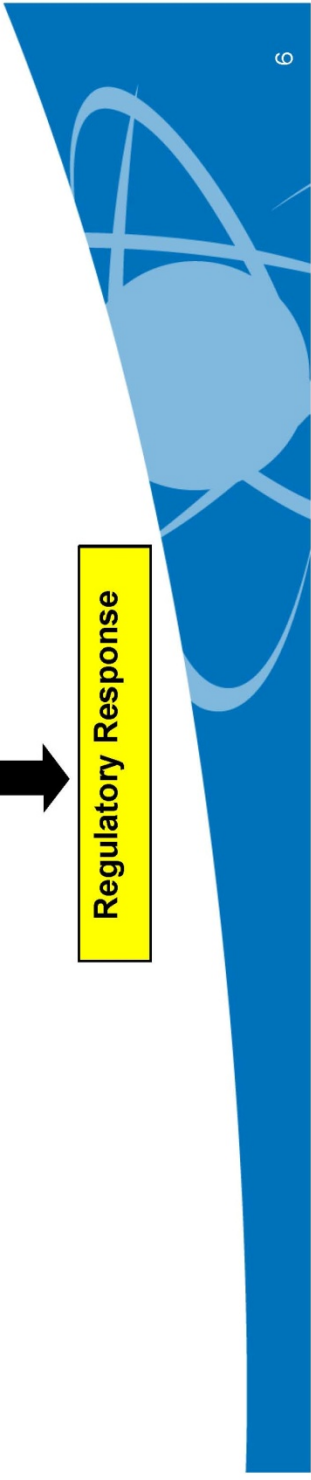
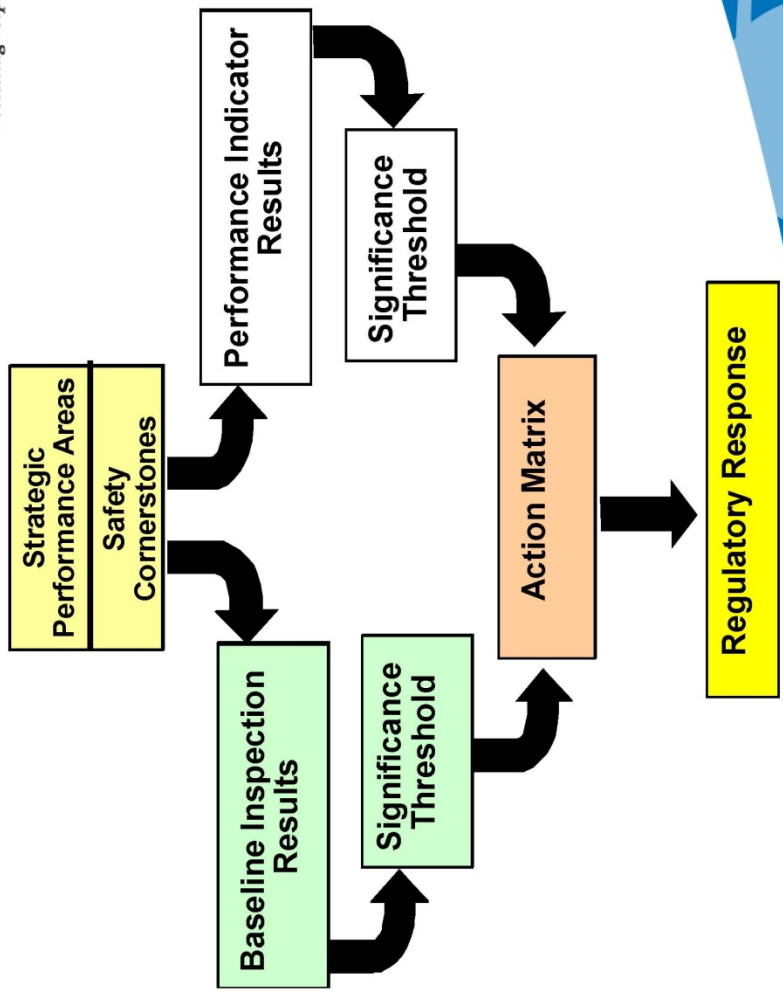
Defense
In-Depth

Regulatory Framework



Human Performance--Safety Conscious Work Environment--Problem Identification & Resolution

Reactor Oversight Process



Performance Indicators



- 17 Performance Indicators (PI)
- PI's for each cornerstone
- Licensee submits data to NRC quarterly
- Inspection program verifies accuracy
- Data available on NRC website



Significance Threshold



Performance Indicators



Increasing Safety Significance

Inspection Findings



Increasing Safety Significance

Action Matrix Columns



Licensee Response	Regulatory Response	Degraded	Multiple/Repetitive Degraded	Unacceptable Performance
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Increasing

- Safety Significance
- Inspection
- Management Involvement
- Regulatory Action

Action Matrix Response



- The NRC has completed three separate supplemental inspections per IP 95001, "Supplemental Inspection for One or Two White Inputs in a Strategic Performance Area" for the following:
 - White Finding (Units 1, 2, 3)
 - White PI for Unplanned Scrams (U3)
 - White PI for High Pressure Injection System (U1)

95001 Supplemental Inspections



- Inspection Objectives
 - Provide assurance that :
 - root and contributing causes of risk-significant issues were understood;
 - extent of condition and extent of cause of risk-significant issues were identified;
 - licensee’s corrective actions for risk-significant issues were or will be sufficient to address the root and contributing causes and to preclude repetition.

95001 Supplemental Inspections

- 95001 Inspection for White Finding
 - Failure to properly implement the requirements of the Plant Modifications and Engineering Change Control Procedure which resulted in inadequate training of Safe Shutdown Instruction Procedures, 0-SSI-25-1, -2, -3, and -26.
 - Completed October 11, 2012
 - Documented in NRC Inspection Report 05000259,260,296/2012014

95001 Supplemental Inspections

- 95001 Inspection for White PI for Unplanned Scrams on Unit 3
 - Unplanned scrams per 7,000 critical hours and was characterized as having White safety significance based on crossing the Green-to-White threshold of more than three scrams in four quarters.

95001 Supplemental Inspections



- 95001 Inspection for White PI for Unplanned Scrams on Unit 3 (cont)
 - Four individual scrams contributed to crossing the Green-to-White threshold of more than three scrams in four quarters.
 - Completed November 16, 2012
 - Documented in NRC Inspection Report 05000259/2012016

95001 Supplemental Inspections

- 95001 Inspection for White PI for High Pressure Injection System on Unit 1
 - High unreliability and unavailability of the HPCI system
 - High unavailability due to repetitive steam admission valve leakage along with four functional failures within the past three years
- Completed October 17, 2012
- Documented in NRC Inspection Report 05000296/2012015

95001 Supplemental Inspections



- Conclusions:
 - Root and contributing causes were understood;
 - Extent of condition and extent of cause evaluations were sufficiently comprehensive;
 - Licensee corrective actions were appropriate to address the root and contributing causes and to preclude repetition

- White Finding is closed
 - Action Matrix input until the end of the first quarter 2013.
- Both PI's returned to Green significance level
 - No longer Action Matrix inputs.
- No change in the assessment of Action Matrix.

NRC Assessment Summary



- TVA operated the plants safely and in a manner that preserved the public health and safety and protected the environment.
- Unit 1 is in the Multiple/Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone Column of the NRC's ROP Action Matrix.
- Units 2 & 3 are in the Regulatory Response Column of the NRC's ROP Action Matrix.

Action Matrix Response



- NRC is conducting baseline inspections for all 3 Browns Ferry Units.
- In addition to the baseline inspections, the NRC will perform a supplemental inspection per IP 95003, "Supplemental Inspection for Repetitive Degraded Cornerstones, Multiple Degraded Cornerstones, Multiple Yellow Inputs, or One Red Input" when informed of the readiness by TVA.

Action Matrix Status



	Q4 2011	Q1 2012	Q2 2012	Q3 2012
Unit 1	Multiple Repetitive/ Degraded Cornerstone Low Pressure Coolant Injection Valve Failure			
Unit 2	Licensee Response			
Unit 3	Licensee Response			
	Regulatory Response			
	Regulatory Response			

Increased Oversight Inspections for Unit 1

- Supplemental Inspection, IP 95003, being conducted in three parts:
 - Part 1 - Component Testing Programs
 - Completed September 2011 - IR 05000259/2011011
 - Part 2 - Maintenance Programs
 - Completed December 2011 - IR 05000259/2011012
 - Part 3 - Formal 95003 Completion
 - Completion date to be scheduled
 - Licensee preparations are in progress.



TVA Response and Remarks



Contacting the NRC



- Report an emergency
 - (301) 816-5100 (call collect)
- Report a safety concern
 - (800) 695-7403
 - Allegation@nrc.gov
- General information or questions
 - www.nrc.gov
- Contact Browns Ferry Resident Inspectors
 - 256-729-6196

End of Presentation

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