

## **TVA and Chattanooga State Helping Prepare Students for Nuclear Jobs**

TVA and Chattanooga State Community College are collaborating to offer an engineering technology curriculum that helps prepare students for careers in the nuclear industry. In consultation with TVA and using nuclear industry guidelines, Chattanooga State has developed an associate of applied science degree in radiation protection technology. The collaboration helps ensure that the program addresses workforce needs of TVA and others in the nuclear power industry, as well as employers in nuclear medicine.

TVA and Chattanooga State officials collaborated on the program design and established an advisory council to recommend improvements and help ensure it meets the criteria for TVA's accredited training program and state regulations. Dr. Jim Barrott, Vice President for Technology at Chattanooga State, says the collaboration is a model for other community colleges in advancing technical education.

"The agreement between TVA and Chattanooga State is a progressive, proactive accomplishment of industry and education working together to benefit the community," Barrott sated.