

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Individual: Hiram J. Bass (IA-00-032)

Licensee: Tennessee Valley Authority (EA-00-163)
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

Subject: NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND EXERCISE OF DISCRETION, AND ORDER
PROHIBITING INVOLVEMENT IN NRC LICENSED ACTIVITIES

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Exercise of Discretion will be issued October 27, 2000 to Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Additionally, an Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC-Licensed Activities will be issued on October 27, 2000, to Hiram J. Bass for engaging in deliberate misconduct in violation of 10 CFR 50.5(a)(1) which caused TVA to be in violation. The TVA action is based on a deliberate Severity Level III violation of Technical Specifications and site procedures resulting from approximately 500 nonconformance evaluations that were either not issued or completed for measuring and test equipment which had been identified as out-of-tolerance or otherwise meeting the criteria for evaluation. Because corrective action credit was not warranted, this assessment normally would result in a proposed civil penalty of \$55,000. However, in accordance with Section VII.B.6 of the Enforcement Policy the civil penalty was mitigated because the underlying safety significance involving the unprocessed nonconformance evaluations was low and safety related plant component operability was unaffected.

The Order requires, in part, that Mr. Bass: (1) not engage in NRC-licensed activities for a period of three-years from the date of his resignation from TVA (June 21, 1999), (2) If currently involved with another licensee in NRC-licensed activities, he must immediately cease those activities, and inform the NRC of the name, address and telephone number of the employer, and provide a copy of this Order to the employer, and (3) provide written notice to the NRC within 20 days of acceptance of each employment offer involving NRC-licensed activities for a period of three-years after the three-year period of prohibition has expired.

It should be noted that neither the licensee, nor the individual has been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice and Order	October 27, 2000
Telephone Notification of licensee and Individual	October 27, 2000

The individual has twenty days from the date of the Order in which to request a hearing.

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