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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260
and 50-296

Mr. Dan A. Nauman
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Dear Mr. Nauman:

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF CONFIRMATORY ORDER EA 84-54 - BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT,
UNITS 1, 2, AND 3

On July 13, 1984, in response to a pattern of poor performance at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, the NRC issued Confirmatory Order EA 84-54 to the Tennessee Valley Authority. This Order required TVA to 1) implement the Browns Ferry Regulatory Performance Improvement Program (RPIP), 2) present periodic RPIP status reports to the Region II Administrator, and 3) implement organizational changes described in a letter from TVA dated May 4, 1984, and submit conforming revisions to the Technical Specification (TS). The RPIP contained both specific action requirements and corrective action programs of an ongoing nature.

On September 17, 1985, the Executive Director for Operations sent TVA a letter under 10 CFR 50.54(f). In part, this letter stated that the RPIP had been ineffective in correcting performance deficiencies. TVA was requested to submit additional plans to correct corporate and site-specific problems. In response, TVA developed the Browns Ferry Nuclear Performance Plan (BFNPP), which improved upon the RPIP. RPIP actions were included in Appendix A of the BFNPP. This Appendix stated that TVA planned to disposition all outstanding RPIP actions. The status of RPIP actions in Appendix A was updated in subsequent revisions of the BFNPP. Ultimately, by a letter dated September 18, 1990, TVA indicated that all RPIP actions had been adequately resolved and requested the NRC to close Confirmatory Order 84-54.

The NRC staff has examined and tracked TVA's implementation of the RPIP through its inspection program. The staff's final inspection report, 50-259, 260, 296/90-37, dated January 8, 1991, determined that all RPIP specific action requirements have been completed and all applicable corrective action programs of an ongoing nature have been implemented appropriately. Furthermore, the staff determined that TVA did submit appropriate status reports on a periodic basis and that organizational changes were amended into the TS as required by Confirmatory Order 84-54. Consequently, the staff concludes that TVA has satisfactorily met all of the requirements of Confirmatory Order 84-54.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Thierry Ross, the Browns Ferry Project Manager, at (301) 492-1474.

Sincerely,
Original signed by

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