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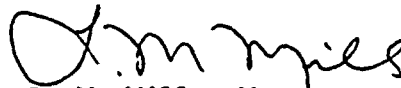
Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Enclosed is our response to R. C. Lewis' June 25, 1979, letter, RII:BTM
50-259/79-14, 50-260/79-14, and 50-296/79-14, concerning activities at
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant which appeared to be in noncompliance with
NRC requirements.

We have reviewed the above inspection report and find no proprietary
information in it.

Very truly yours,

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L. M. Mills, Manager
Nuclear Regulation and Safety

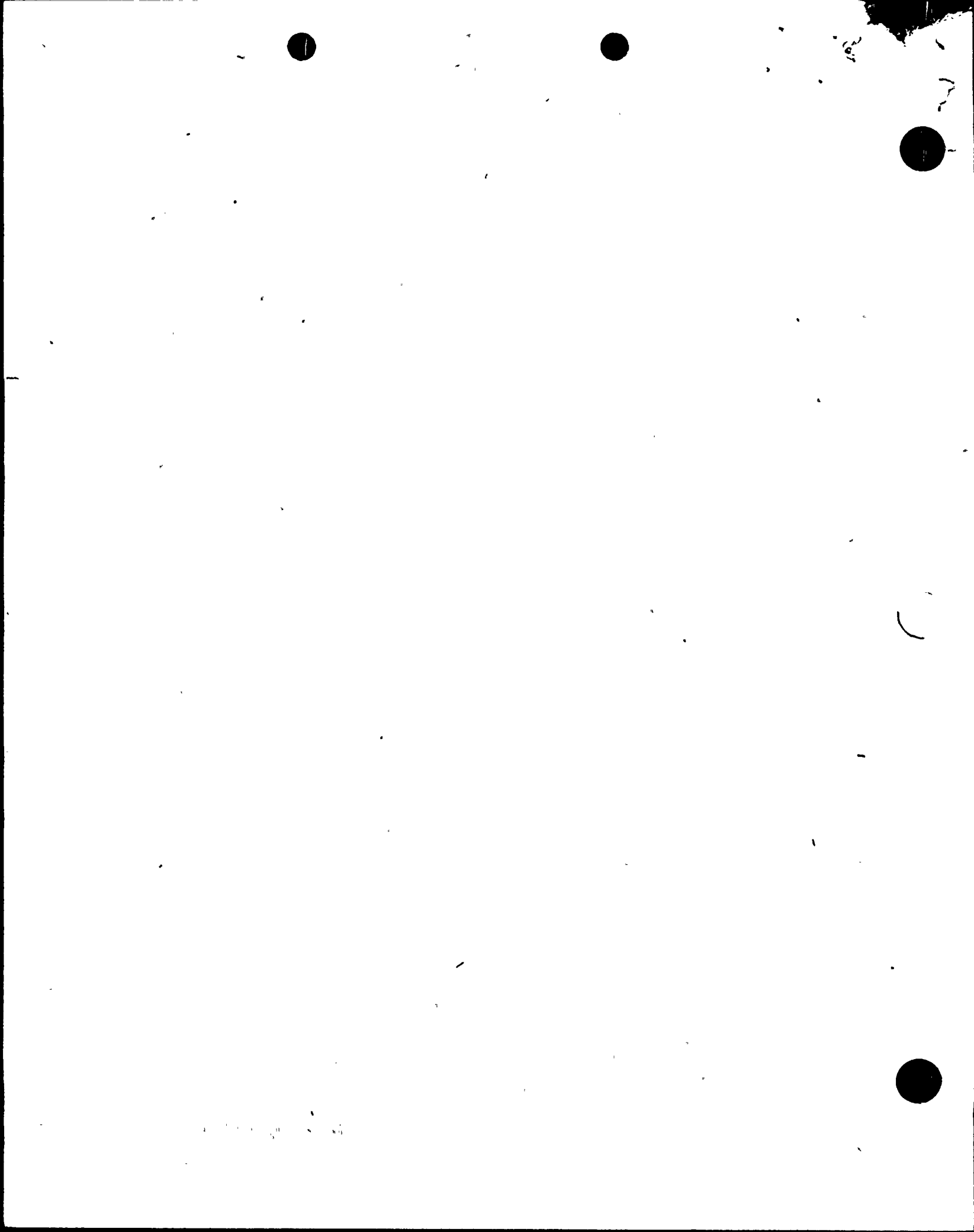
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ENCLOSURE

RESPONSE TO NRC-OIE LETTER FROM
R. C. LEWIS TO H. G. PARRIS DATED JUNE 25, 1979,
(REFERENCE RII:BTM 50-259/79-14, 50-260/79-14, AND 50-296/79-14)

INFRACTION

As required by Technical Specification 6.3.a.1, detailed written procedures, including applicable checkoff lists covering normal operation and components involving nuclear safety of the facility shall be prepared, approved, and adhered to. Operating Instruction 74, "RHR Systems," drawing No. 47W811-1, "Flow Diagram RHR System," and drawing No. 47W859-1, "Flow Diagram, Emergency Cooling Water" require certain valves lined up for LPCI mode during normal operation are locked open.

Contrary to the above, two outlet valves (HCV 74-33 and HCV 74-44) at the discharge side of RHR Heat Exchangers 3B and 3D were locked during the normal operation on May 24, 1979. Other ESF valves not locked during the operation were EECW RHR Pump Seal Heat Exchanger Valves Nos. 561, 572, and 614.

RESPONSE

Corrective Steps Taken and Results Achieved

Operating Instruction 67 has been changed to require locking of EECW RHR pump seal heat exchanger valves 561, 572, and 614. RHR heat exchanger 3B and 3D outlet valves have been locked.

Corrective Steps Taken to Avoid Further Noncompliance

The actions taken will avoid further noncompliance.

Date Full Compliance Achieved

June 24, 1979

