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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

March 7, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-80-38

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FACILITY: Tennessee Valley Authority
Browns Ferry Unit 2
Docket No. 50-260
Decatur, Alabama

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF REACTOR TRIPS

TVA announced on March 6 that an investigation is underway at Browns Ferry into the cause of several unexplained reactor trips during February. Eight employees have been suspended until the investigation is completed. The FBI has been notified.

Media interest has been experienced. A news release is planned by TVA. The NRC does not plan a news release. The State of Alabama has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the resident inspector at 7:30 p.m. on March 5. This information is current as of 9:00 a.m. on March 7.

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