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Tennessee Valley Authority ATTN: H. G. Parris Manager of Power 500A Chestnut Street Tower II Chattanooga, TN 37401

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Subject: Report Nos. 50-259/81-01, 50-260/81-01 and 50-296/81-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by W. H. Miller, Jr., of this office on January 6-9, and 20-23, 1981, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-55 and DPR-68 for the Browns Ferry facility. Our preliminary findings were discussed with H. L. Abercrombie at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection included the fire protection/prevention program. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

During the inspection, it was found that certain activities under your license appear to violate NRC requirements and that certain activities appear to deviate from commitments and to applicable codes, approved by the Commission and have safety significance. These items are addressed in enforcement correspondence to you from Victor Stello, Jr., Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, dated March 20, 1981.

Three new unresolved items are identified in the enclosed inspection report. These items will be examined during subsequent inspections.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must include the basis for claiming that the information is proprietary and the proprietary information should be contained in a separate part of the document. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be glad to discuss . them with you.

Sincerely, .

R. C. Lewis, Acting Director Division of Resident and: Reactor Project Inspection

Enclosure: Inspection Report Nos. 50-259/81-01, 50-260/81-01 and 50-296/81-01

cc w/encl:

- H. J. Green, Division Director
- H. L. Abercrombie, Plant Superintendent
- R. E. Rogers, Project Engineer H. N. Culver, Chief, Nuclear Safety Review Staff

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