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Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260, 50-296  
License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, DPR-68

Tennessee Valley Authority  
ATTN: Mr. S. A. White  
Manager of Nuclear Power  
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Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/86-29, 50-260/86-29, AND  
50-296/86-29)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by R. E. Weddington on September 8-12, 1986. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Browns Ferry facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed inspection report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

The inspection findings indicate that certain activities appeared to violate NRC requirements. The violation, references to pertinent requirements, and elements to be included in your response are described in the enclosed Notice of Violation.

As we discussed in a telephone conversation on October 6, 1986, between Mr. F. Cantrell of this office and Mr. R. L. Lewis, Plant Manager, Browns Ferry, we are concerned about your continued poor performance in the area of transportation of radioactive material. Since January 1984, eight violations of NRC requirements in this area have been identified. The NRC considers this number of problems to be excessive and indicative of inadequate management attention to this area. Consequently, your response should describe those particular actions taken or planned to improve the effectiveness of your program and your management controls in this area.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by  
Roger D. Walker /for

J. Nelson Grace  
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report

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R. L. Lewis, Plant Manager  
R. L. Gridley, Director  
Nuclear Safety and Licensing  
J. A. Kirkebo, Director  
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M. J. May, Manager of Site Licensing

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