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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of Tennessee Valley Authority Docket Nos. 50-259 50-260 50-296

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 - NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/86-09, 50-260/86-09, AND 50-296/86-09, - SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO VIOLATION

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This letter provides a supplemental response to violation (item 2) which was forwarded in your letter from J. Nelson Grace to S. A. White dated May 21, 1986. The subject of the violation was inadequate Surveillance Instructions (SI) for fire barrier penetrations.

The supplemental response dated December 9, 1987, called for the fire barrier modifications and associated surveillance instructions to be complete by June 17, 1988. A new SI will be issued to meet the requirements of the Technical Specifications by June 17, 1988. Technical Specification allowed compensatory measures for the nonfunctional fire barriers are in place until the modification work is complete and the barrier is restored to functional status. TVA's position is that full compliance will be achieved for this violation when the new SI is issued. The present schedule for physical completion of the secondary containment fire barrier sealing is October 31, 1988.

A summary list of commitments is provided in enclosure 1.

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If you have any questions, please telephone Clark Madden at (205) 729-2049.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure cc: See page 2

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/86-09, 50-260/86-09, 50-296/86-09 LETTER FROM J. N. GRACE TO S. A. WHITE DATED MAY 21, 1987

LIST OF COMMITMENTS

1. The Surveillance Instruction will be issued to meet the requirements of the Technical Specification by June 17, 1988.