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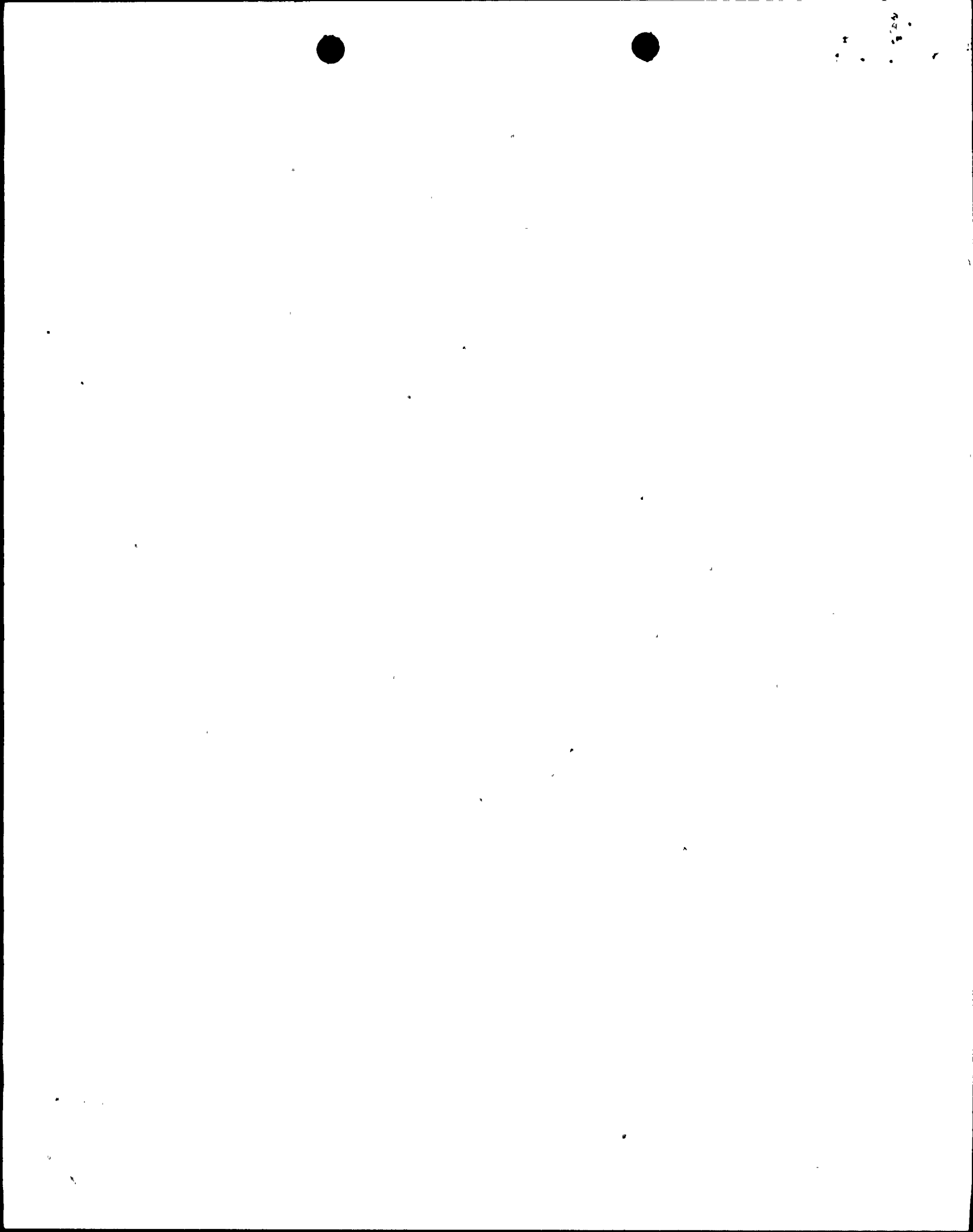
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BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF SYSTEM PREOPERABILITY CHECKLIST (SPOC) AND SYSTEM PLANT ACCEPTANCE EVALUATION (SPAE) PROGRAMS

On September 13, 1988, a meeting was held between NRC and TVA regarding unit 2 fuel load. It was agreed that TVA would provide the results of an independent review of the BFN SPOC and SPAE programs. This audit was performed under the direction of TVA's Engineering Assurance (EA) and Nuclear Quality Assurance (NQA) from October 5 to November 1, 1988. The scope of the audit was structured around the site implementing procedures and instructions associated with the SPOC and SPAE programs. It was designed to independently verify the adequacy of program products and inputs, and assess effectiveness in accomplishing fuel load and restart objectives. The TVA Audit Report is enclosed.

The audit team concluded the SPOC and SPAE programs provide a systematic method to ensure open work items and technical issues that could affect system operability are evaluated and dispositioned before a system is declared operable. Subject to satisfactory completion of corrective actions to resolve the findings of this audit, implementation of the SPOC and SPAE programs will result in appropriate resolution of technical issues and in systems meeting operability requirements. The audit findings identified six Conditions Adverse to Quality Reports (CAQRs), eight Problem Reporting Documents (PRDs), and six areas of improvement (enclosure 1).

NQA monitoring of the SPOC process remains in effect to provide assurance that the process will continue to be effectively implemented. EA has completed its oversight of the SPAE process and the results are contained in enclosure 2.

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Please note the BFN Site Quality Surveillance (QS) section had already begun monitoring the SPOC process and has maintained an ongoing SPOC verification program in parallel with the NQA and EA audit. As of November 10, 1988, a total of 26 systems had been monitored by BFN's QS section. By utilizing the graded approach concept, the remaining 14 systems are being monitored, in ranges of 10 percent to 100 percent. Enclosure 3 provides additional detailed information of the results of the QS ongoing review.

This submittal meets the requirements of the NRC Meeting Summary dated September 29, 1988, to docket the results of an independent review of the SPOC/SPAE process. No commitments are contained herein, however TVA will continue to follow up and close out the audit findings in accordance with our QA program.

If you have any questions, please telephone Patrick P. Carrier at (205) 729-3570.

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