Docket No. 50-260

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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

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SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY, UNIT 2, RUST IN LOWER CONTAINMENT SPRAY HEADER (TAC 00454)

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Enclosed is our safety evaluation addressing issues raised in License Event Report 88-003-000 for Browns Ferry, Unit 2. We have concluded that the short-term efforts to be performed by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to correct rust problems found in lower containment spray headers are acceptable. However, we request that you actively pursue long-term solutions to this problem and provide for NRC review your long-term corrective action. Although implementation of your long-term corrective actions is not a restart item, we request that you provide us with your proposed long-term solution prior to restart.

The reporting and/or recordkeeping requirements contained in this letter affect fewer than ten respondents; therefore, OMB clearance is not required.

If you have any questions concerning this issue, please call the Browns Ferry Project Manager, Gerald E. Gears, at 301-492-0767.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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