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Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/90-33, 50-260/90-33, AND
50-296/90-33)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by C. A. Patterson on October 16 - November 16, 1990. 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.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation. We are concerned about the violation because these events were incorrectly determined to not be reportable and were not thoroughly evaluated. This violation is similar to a violation contained in the Notice in Inspection Report 259, 260, 296/89-27, sent to you by our letter of August 8, 1989. Recurring violations are of particular concern because the NRC expects licensees to learn from their past failures and to take effective corrective actions. Although the NRC does not normally consider monetary civil penalties for Severity Level IV violations, the Enforcement Policy states that such penalties may be imposed for Severity Level IV violations that are similar to previous violations for which the licensee did not take effective corrective action. In this case, we have decided not to hold an enforcement conference nor to propose a civil penalty because all three units are defueled.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future

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inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with Section 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and its enclosures are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
BRUCE A. WILSON

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Enclosures: (See page 3)



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1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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