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 Corrective actions: security force member retrained for
 qualification on types of weapons assigned.

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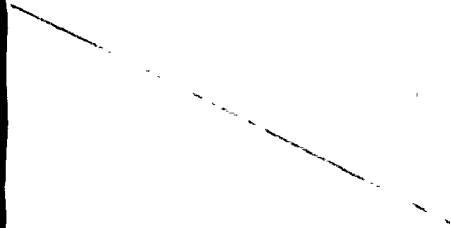
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BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-259, 260,
296/92-09 - REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NOV)

This letter provides TVA's reply to the NOV transmitted by letter from J. Phillip Stohr to M. O. Medford dated April 2, 1992. In this letter, NRC cited TVA with a violation involving the failure to requalify an armed security force member with assigned weapons.

Enclosure 1 to this letter is TVA's "Reply to the Notice of Violation" (10 CFR 2.201).

If you have any questions regarding this response, please telephone Raul R. Baron at (205) 729-7570.

Sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE 1

Tennessee Valley Authority
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN)
Reply to Notice of Violation (NOV)

Inspection Report Number
50-259, 260, 296/92-09

VIOLATION

During an NRC inspection conducted on March 9-13, 1992, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1991), the violation is listed below:

Section 4.0 of the current Training and Qualification (T&Q) Plan states in part, "Each individual assigned to the Security Force, who by virtue of his/her job designation is authorized to carry a weapon, will be trained, qualified and requalified on the type weapon(s) assigned under the auspices of the Training and Qualification program as set forth in Chapter 2.0 and further described herein."

Section 4.4, of the current T&Q Plan states in part, "Members of the Security Force armed with a weapon(s) shall be requalified on the type weapon(s) assigned at least annually" in accordance with this plan and as set forth in Sections 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 as applicable. Section 6 of the T&Q defines annual to be a time period of 12 months.

Contrary to the above, from January 1990 to April 30, 1991, an armed security officer was not requalified with the revolver, a type of weapon assigned. Additionally, from January 1990 to June 3, 1991, the same officer was not requalified with the rifle and shotgun, types of weapons assigned. These periods are in excess of the annual requirement.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement III).

1. Reason For The Violation

The cause of this event was personnel oversight while entering qualification dates used to track completion of individual training. This oversight resulted in an individual's training records being transferred to a closed file at the end of calendar year 1990, prior to requalification being completed. This in turn resulted in an individual not being requalified for an assigned revolver from January 31, 1991 to April 30, 1991. Also, the individual was not requalified for an assigned rifle and shotgun from January 31, 1991 to June 3, 1991.

The NOV indicated the individual was not qualified from January, 1990 to the dates indicated above. For clarification purposes, the actual dates should be from January, 1991 instead of January, 1990. This discrepancy was discussed with your staff and confirmed to be a typographical error in the NOV.

Contributing to this event was inadequate controls to ensure training records were reviewed prior to transferring these records to the closed file.

Reply to Notice of Violation (NOV)

2. Corrective Steps Taken and Results Achieved

The Security Force member was retrained to provide for qualification on the types of weapons assigned.

3. Corrective Steps That [Have Been or] Will be Taken to Avoid Further Violations

TVA has counselled the individual involved in this event on the importance of ensuring that Security Force qualification records are maintained.

In addition, TVA has strengthened the qualification program by developing a comprehensive in-house procedure for tracking and maintaining Security Force qualification. This procedure requires the establishment of a "suspense" file that will be utilized for each phase of training. The suspense file will be used to maintain training records for each individual requiring training during a given phase. Records of each employee shall be retained in this file and shall not be removed until the entire file is reviewed and verified by BFNs Senior Security Training Instructor or his designee.

4. Date When Full Compliance Will be Achieved

TVA considers that full compliance has been achieved.