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Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260, and 50-296
License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-68

Tennessee Valley Authority
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/92-12, 50-260/92-12, AND
50-296/92-12)

This refers to the inspection conducted by C. A. Patterson of this office on March 16, 1992 - March 27, 1992. 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 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 upon the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appear to be in violation of NRC requirements as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). We are concerned about the violation because it involved a TVA Project Manager exceeding his authority when authorizing Stone and Webster Engineering Company employees to perform design-related work without the knowledge and approval of the site engineering or restart engineering staff. This is the most recent incident involving the inadequate control of contractor activities at the site. Other examples of problems related to control of contractor activities have been identified to you in NRC Inspection Report Numbers 91-26, 91-41 and 91-43. This problem warrants your attention to preclude additional problems with the control of contractor activity at the Browns Ferry facility.

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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. In addition, we expect you to address the management actions you are taking to correct this event and the reoccurring problems with contractor control.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", 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 enclosure 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 Luis A. Reyes)

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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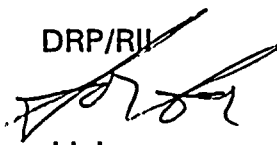
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