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

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/92-33, 50-260/92-33, AND
50-296/92-33)

This refers to the inspection conducted by C. A. Patterson of this office on September 17, 1992 - October 16, 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 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 concerning failure to confirm a drywell air monitor alarm and an inattentive fire watch. We are concerned about the first violation because the alarm provided early indication of increased drywell leakage but the indication was not believed. We are concerned about the second violation because the fire watch was a compensatory measure for inoperable fire wrap and the inattentive fire watch was found by an NRC inspector.

In your response to the enclosed Notice, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. We will review your response including your proposed corrective actions, and the results of future inspections to determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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.

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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
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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