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Tennessee Valley Authority
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/93-25, 50-260/93-25, AND
50-296/93-25)

This refers to the inspection conducted by C. A. Patterson of this office on June 19, 1993 - July 16, 1993. 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. We are concerned about the violation describing the required action to take within one hour for an inoperable reactor protective system trip channel because the plant operators did not have adequate information available to determine the necessary and timely actions to take. In addition, the enclosed Inspection Report identifies activities that violated NRC requirements that will not be subject to enforcement because the licensee's efforts in identifying and/or correcting the violation met the criteria specified in Section VII.B of the Enforcement Policy.

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 inspections, the NRC will 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 J. Crlenjak)

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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