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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-260/94-09)

This refers to the inspection conducted by C. A. Patterson of this office on April 16, 1994 - May 17, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Browns Ferry facility. The report documenting this inspection identified an apparent violation relating to your corrective action for unqualified coating on the torus T-Quenchers. The report was sent to you by letter dated June 6, 1994. NRC concerns relative to the inspection findings were also discussed in an Enforcement Conference held on June 14, 1994. A summary of this enforcement conference, a list of attendees, and the licensee's handout are included as Enclosures 2 through 4.

The violation described in the enclosed Notice of Violation involved the misapplication of protective coatings, a condition adverse to quality, which remained uncorrected since 1982. The violation is of concern because of the potential for unqualified coatings to block the emergency core cooling system suction strainers. The condition on the T-Quenchers was identified on April 21, 1994, as a result of a questioning attitude by members of your staff. However, opportunities were available to identify this problem earlier, when blistering problems were identified at different points from 1983 - 1986, and as part of the containment coating program established under the Nuclear Performance Plan. Additionally, once identified, the initial assessment and planned corrective actions were not sufficiently thorough to fully resolve the problem, and additional evaluation and corrective actions were required which were documented in your letter to the NRC dated May 20, 1994.

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 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 (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information you believe should not be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

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 E. Merschoff)

Ellis W. Merschoff, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Enforcement Conference Summary
3. List of Attendees
4. Presentation Notes

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