

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Tennessee Valley Authority  
Browns Ferry Unit 3

Docket No. 50-296  
License No. DPR-68

During an NRC inspection conducted on October 15 to November 18, 1995, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," (60 FR 34381; June 30, 1995), the violation is listed below:

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, requires that activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by documented instructions, procedures, or drawings, of a type appropriate to the circumstances and shall be accomplished in accordance with these instructions, procedures, or drawings. Configuration Control, an activity which affects quality by ensuring correct and proper system equipment alignment for a given set of plant operating conditions, is accomplished by implementation of the requirements of Site Standard Practice SSP-12.2, System and Equipment Status Control.

SSP-12.2, Step 2.0.A, requires control and maintenance of correct unit system equipment configuration in accordance with the positioning and alignment checklists identified in Appendix A. The SSP also states that unit staff shall maintain proper unit configuration control through the use of appropriate plant instructions.

Contrary to the above, activities affecting quality were not accomplished in accordance with documented procedures in the following instances:

1. On October 30, 1995, four scram discharge volume (SDV) vent valves and four drain valves were found to be gagged open and not in the position prescribed in the equipment alignment checklist. This condition had existed since some time after October 15, 1995.
2. On November 6, 1995, the unit scram discharge volume high level scram switch was found in the "bypass" position and not in the position described in operating procedures. This condition had been present for a period in excess of two days.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement 1).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Tennessee Valley Authority is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region II, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation

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(Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it 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 that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia  
this 12th day of December 1995

