

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Tennessee Valley Authority  
Browns Ferry Unit 3

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

During an NRC inspection conducted on November 19 to December 30, 1995, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG 1600, the violation is listed below:

Browns Ferry Unit 3 Facility Operating License Condition 2.C.(7) states that Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant shall implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the approved Fire Protection Program as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report for BFN as approved in the SEs dated December 8, 1988, March 6, 1991, March 31, 1993, November 2, 1995 and Supplement dated November 3, 1989.

The Final Safety Analysis Report references the Fire Protection Report as detailing the Fire Protection Program.

Section 9.3.11.C of the Fire Protection Plan, contained in the Fire Protection Report, requires that a continuous fire watch be established within one hour if preaction system 3-26-77 is inoperable.

Section III, Required Safe Shutdown Equipment, of the Appendix R Safe Shutdown Program contained in the Fire Protection Report, requires that if Unit Battery Charger 3 is unable to perform its function, then a fire watch must be established if the equipment is not restored in seven days or equivalent shutdown capability is provided.

Contrary to the above, provisions of the Fire Protection Program were not implemented in that;

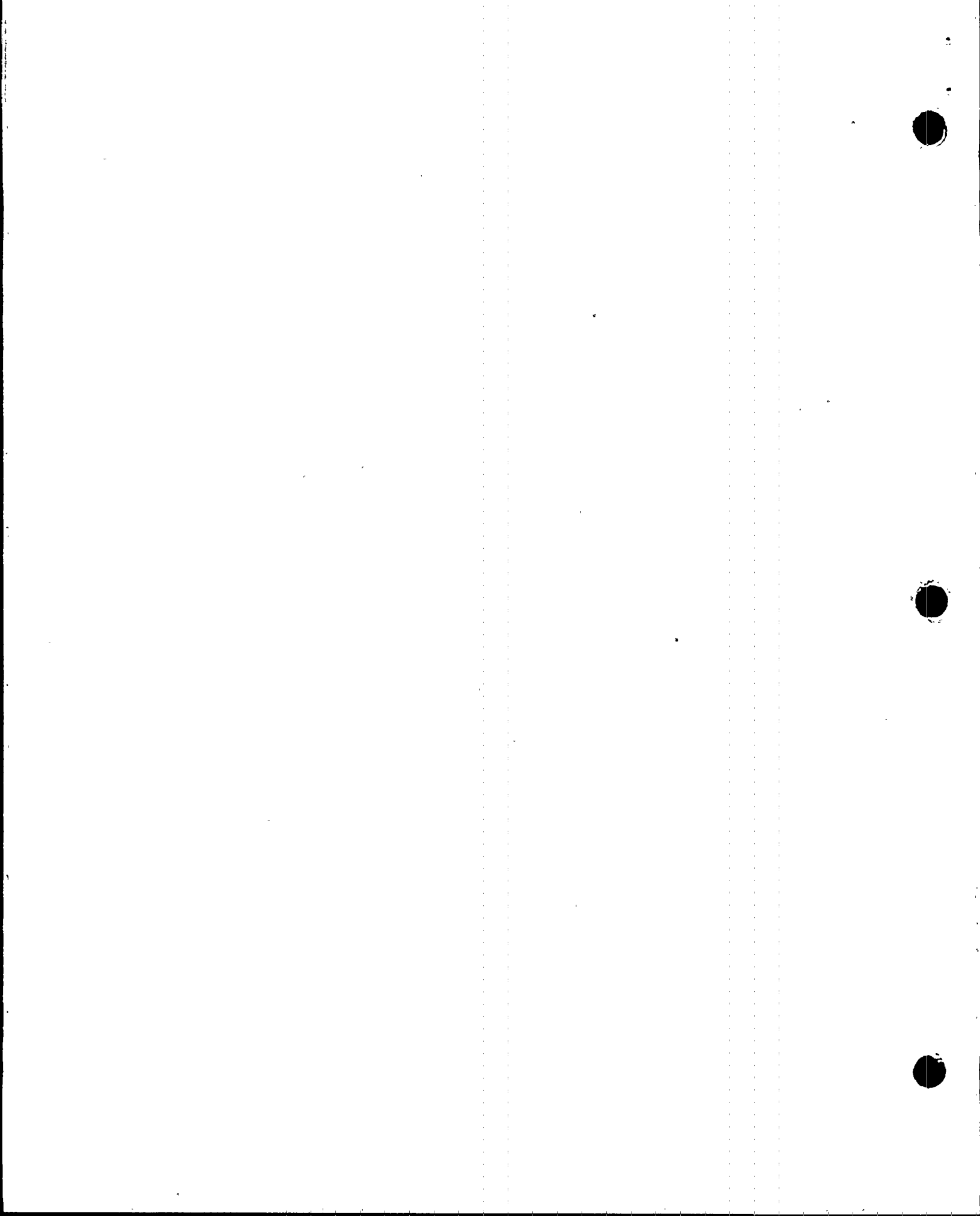
1. Preaction system 3-26-77 was inoperable from some time prior to 3:26 p.m., on November 22, 1995, until 12:30 p.m., on November 23, 1995, without a continuous fire watch being established.
2. Battery Charger 3 could not perform its Appendix R shutdown function as of at least October 25, 1995, and remained in that condition for a period of over 7 days without a fire watch or equivalent shutdown capability being provided.

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.

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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 (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 29th day of January 1996

