NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Tennessee Valley Authority
Browns Ferry Units 2 & 3

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

During an NRC inspection conducted from June 9 through July 20, 1996, two violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violations are listed below:

A. Technical Specifications 6.8.1.1.c requires written procedures to be established, implemented, and maintained covering surveillance and test activities of safety related equipment. Technical Specification 6.8.1.1.j requires written procedures to be established, implemented and maintained covering administrative procedures which control technical review.

Contrary to the above, written procedures were not implemented in the following instances:

- A safety evaluation was not performed for proposed Design Change Modification T38901A, Replacement of Core Shroud Access Hole Cover Plates as required by Site Specific Procedure 12.13, 10CFR50.59 Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments (Revision 9).

- On June 10, 1996, during the performance of 3-SI-4.4.1.A, Standby Liquid Control Pump Functional Test, (Revision 5), several steps were performed out of sequence and incorrectly.

- On July 17, 1996, during the performance of 0-SI-4.7.B.4, Standby Gas Treatment System In-place Leak Test of High Efficiency Particulate Air Filter Banks, (Revision 7), the detector was initialized using instructions other than those provided by the procedure.

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

B. 10 CFR 50.59 (b)(1) requires the licensee to maintain records of changes in the facility made pursuant to that section to the extent that these changes constitute changes in the facility as described in the safety analysis report. These records must include written safety evaluations which provide the bases for the determination that the change does not involve an unreviewed safety question.

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Contrary to the above, a change was made to the facility as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report without the completion of a safety evaluation. Final Safety Analysis Report, Section 7.8, "Reactor Vessel Instrumentation," describes the functioning of a reactor vessel flange leakage alarm. On April 24 and April 30, 1996, the referenced alarm was disabled in the Unit 2 control room without a required safety evaluation.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I), applicable to Unit 2 only.

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 (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked "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 15th day of August 1996