

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Tennessee Valley Authority  
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

Docket No. 50-260  
License No. DPR-52

During an NRC inspection conducted on June 22 - August 2, 1997, 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:

10 CFR 50.59, "Change, Tests and Experiments," provides, in part, that the licensee may make changes in the facility or procedures as described in the safety analysis report (SAR) without prior Commission approval, unless the proposed change involves an unreviewed safety question. The licensee shall maintain records of the changes to the extent that the changes constitute a change as described in the SAR. These records must include a written safety evaluation which provides the basis for the determination that the change does not involve an unreviewed safety question.

Contrary to the above, on May 20, 1996, a written safety evaluation was not prepared for plant modification DCN No. S39677A which revised load limitation notes on Drawings 0-45E732-1 and 0-45E732-3 (FSAR Figures 8.5-12A and 8.5-13A respectively). This change to the FSAR permitted a new system alignment which permitted parallel operation of transformers TS1E and TDE with a load limit of 500 KVA when energized from the 4160 V Shutdown Board "B".

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

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 Browns Ferry, 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

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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. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g. explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia  
this 29th day of August 1997

