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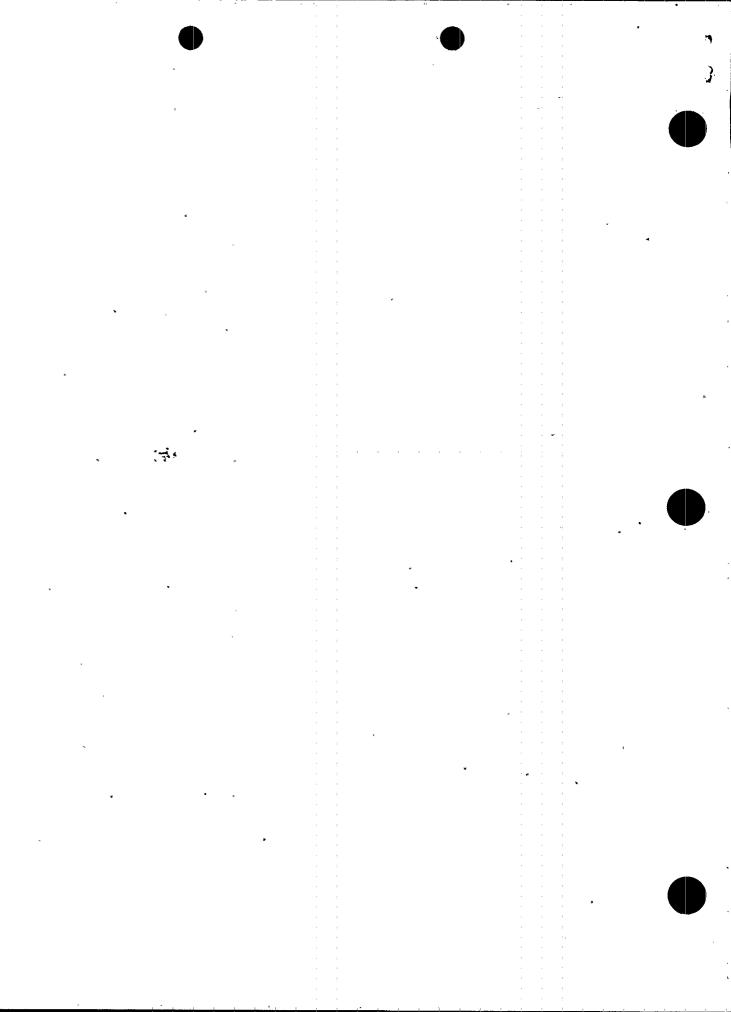
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October 8. 1997

Tennessee Valley Authority ATTN: Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley, Jr. President, TVA Nuclear and Chief Nuclear Officer 6A Lookout Place 1101 Market Street Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801

SUBJECT: INCORRECT COVER LETTER TO NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/97-08, 50-260/97-08 AND 50-296/97-08 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

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This is to inform you that the subject report dated August 29, 1997, was sent to you with the incorrect cover letter as shown in Enclosure 1.

Enclosure 2 is a corrected sheet which may be used to adjust your records. I apologize for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Lesser, Chief Reactor Projects Branch 6 Division of Reactor Projects

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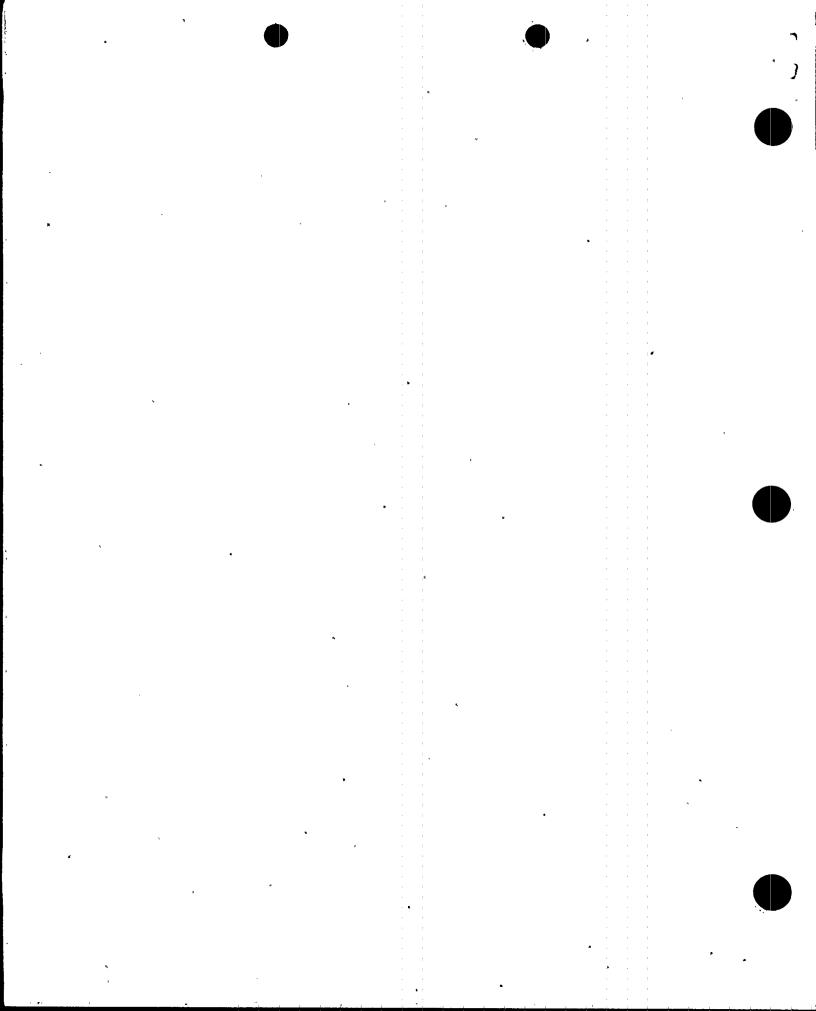
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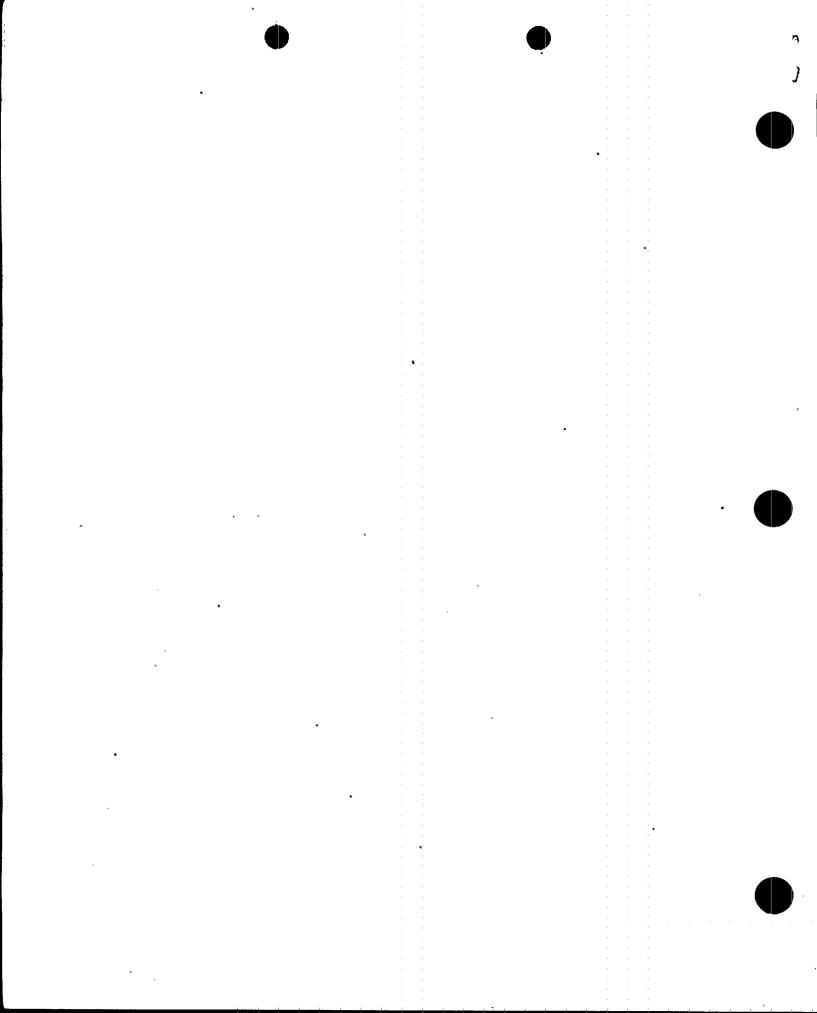
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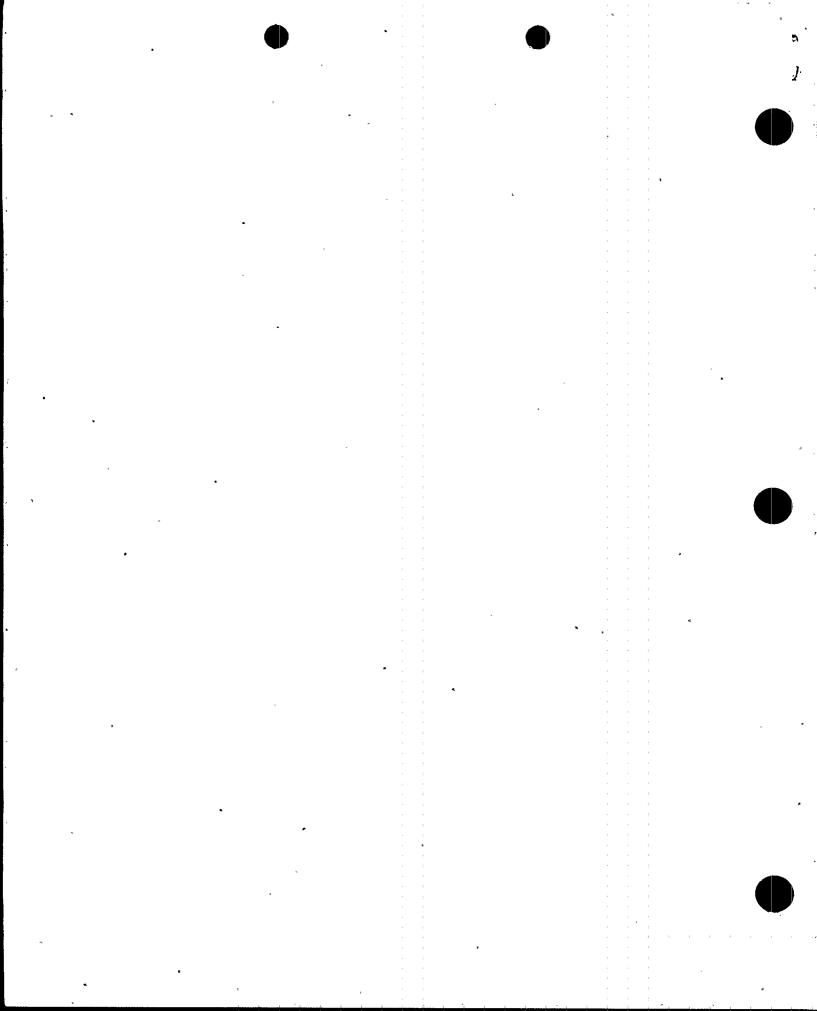
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August 29, 1997

Tennessee Valley Authority -ATTN: Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley, Jr. President, TVA Nuclear and Chief Nuclear Officer 6A Lookout Place 1101 Market Street Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801

SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/97-08. 50-260/97-08.

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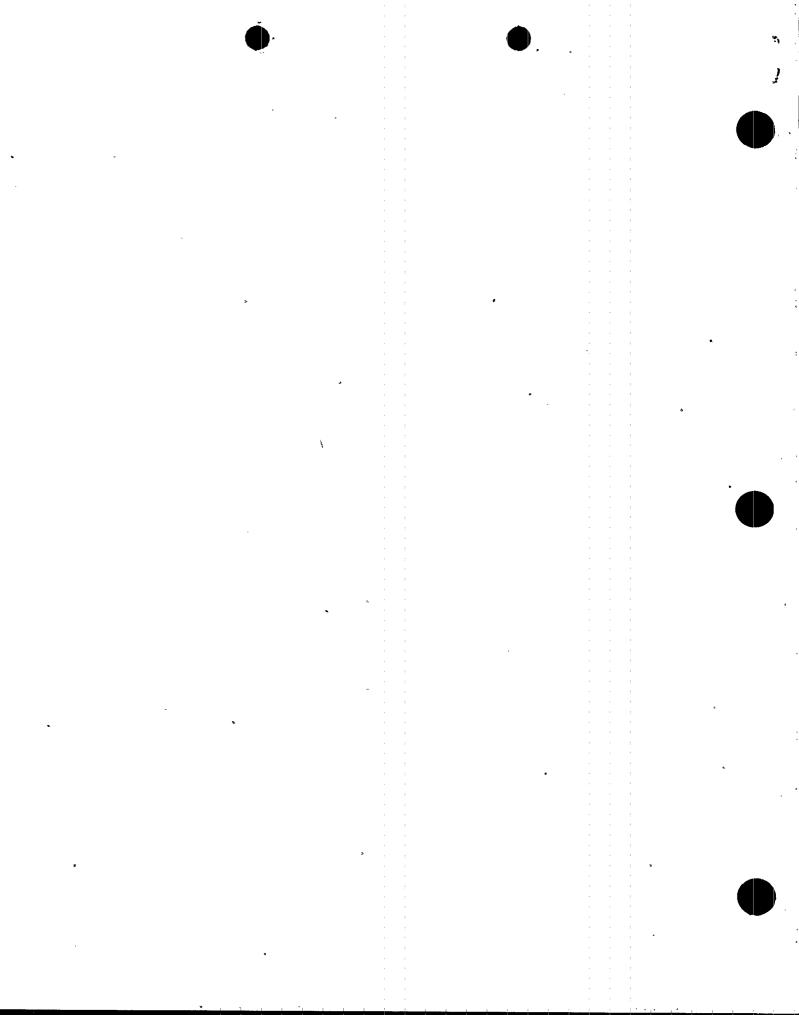
On August 2, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Browns Ferry facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the six-week period covered by this inspection period. your conduct of activities at the Browns Ferry facility was generally characterized by safety conscious operations, satisfactory engineering, and professionally conducted maintenance. One violation of NAC requirements was identified. NRC inspectors identified that a safety evaluation had not been completed to support a change to the facility as described in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice), and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response. in part. to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Enclosure 1

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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/97-08. 50-260/97-08. 50-296/97-08 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On August 2, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Browns Ferry facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the six-week period covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities at the Browns Ferry facility was generally characterized by safety conscious operations, satisfactory engineering, and professionally conducted maintenance. One violation was identified involving a failure to perform a written safety evaluation to support a change to the facility as described in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report. The NRC is concerned because it occurred due to apparent misapplication of your complex design control process.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice), and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Enclosure 2

