

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Tennessee Valley Authority
Browns Ferry Unit 3

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

During an NRC inspection conducted on December 7, 1997 - January 17, 1998, 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, Appendix B, Criterion V, Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings states, in part, 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.

Site Standard Practice SSP-3.4, Corrective Action Program, Revision 18B, Section 3.0 states that it is the responsibility of all personnel to promptly document and report conditions/deficiencies including adverse conditions to the appropriate organization's Department Managers for evaluation and disposition. Section 3.1.A of the procedure states that personnel shall promptly report conditions/deficiencies including adverse conditions using the appropriate ACP [Administrative Control Process] as identified in this procedure.

Contrary to the above, on January 13, 1998, an adverse condition was not promptly documented and reported to the appropriate organization's Department Manager for evaluation and disposition. The adverse condition was identified by the NRC while observing maintenance activities on the 3C diesel generator but was not properly documented until January 22, 1998.

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 "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

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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.

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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 12th day of February 1998

