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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-259/98-01, 50-260/98-01,
50-296/98-01

Dear Mr. Zeringue:

On February 28, 1998, 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 good operations, strong scheduling and execution of maintenance activities, and excellent overall plant support. An overall review of your corrective action program and self-assessment effectiveness was conducted. Problems are appropriately being identified, classified, and corrected. Management involvement and review of the process was found to be strong. Nuclear Assurance has been effective in aggressively identifying areas for improvement; however, in some cases problem definition could be more specific. Recent operations self-assessments have not been effectively evaluating processes and integrating information in order to identify improvement areas. Engineering self-assessments were useful in identifying some deficiencies; however, do not appear to be evaluating the performance of several key processes. Maintenance self-assessments continued to be effective in identifying areas for performance improvement.

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Sincerely,

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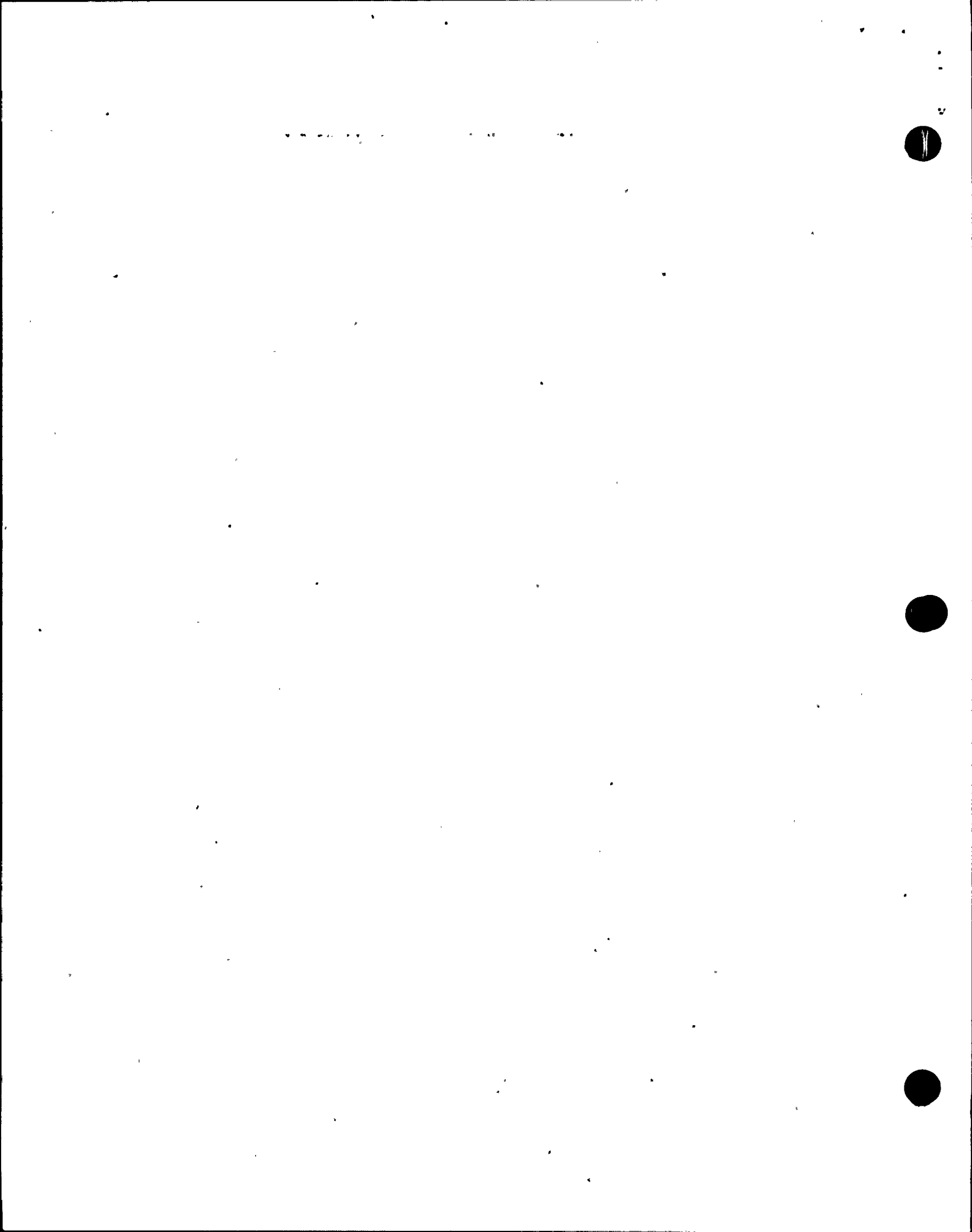
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