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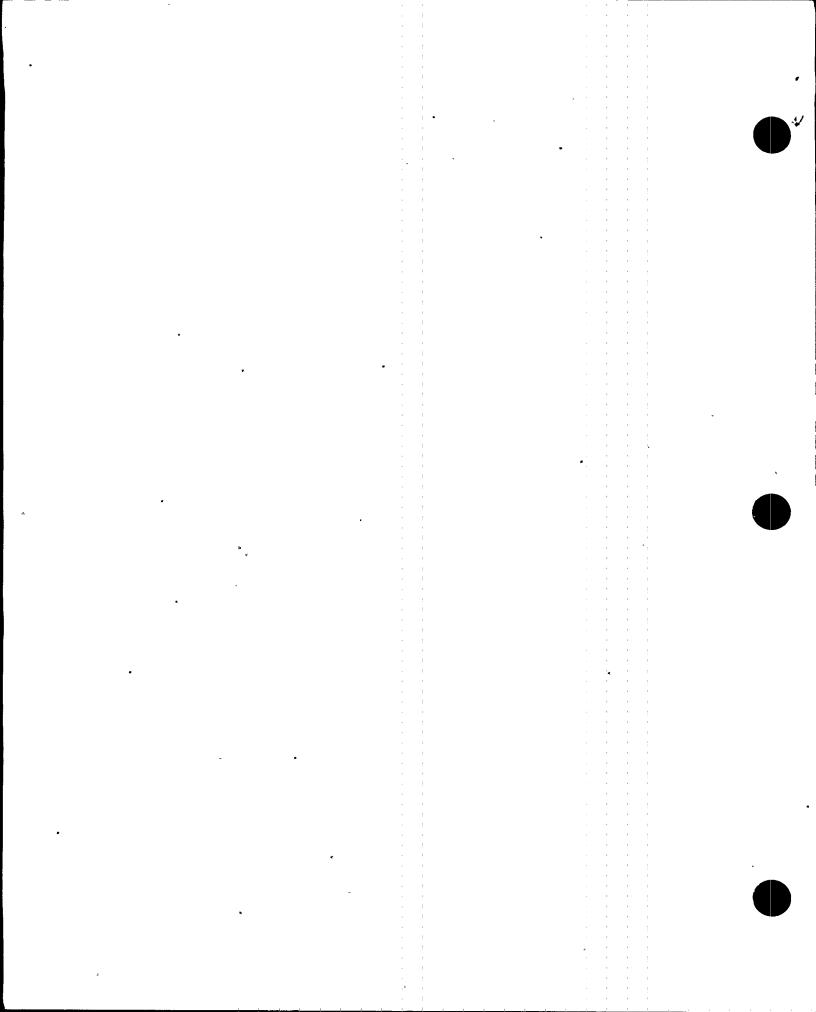
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SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE (SALP) BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (REPORT NOS. 50-259/98-99, 50-260/98-99 AND 50-296/98-99)

Dear Mr. Scalice:

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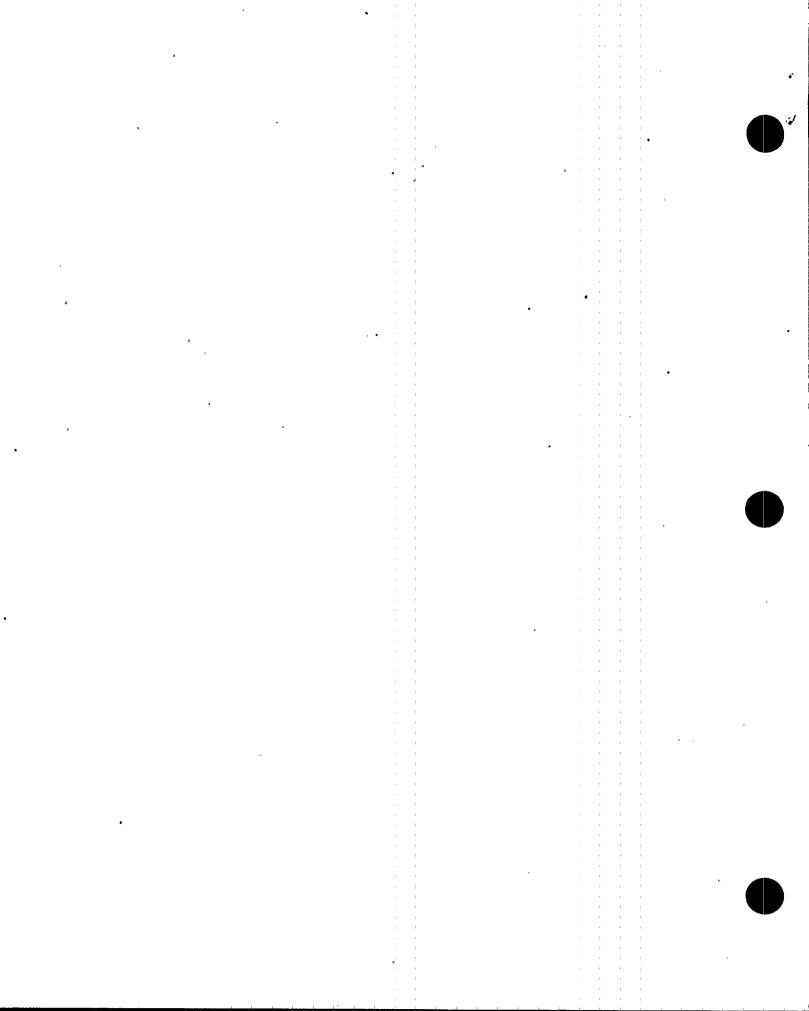
The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) has been completed for your Browns Ferry facility. The facility was evaluated for the period of September 8, 1996, through April 18, 1998. The results of the evaluation are documented in the enclosed SALP Report. This report will be discussed with you at a public meeting to be held at the Browns Ferry site at 12:00 p.m. on June 11, 1998.

The SALP process assesses licensee performance in four functional areas: Plant Operations, Maintenance, Engineering and Plant Support. Performance in the Plant Operations and Plant Support areas remained superior. Performance in the Maintenance area improved to superior due to improvements noted in equipment performance and safety system reliability. Engineering performance remained at a good level. Attention to complete and thorough analyses in engineering products remains a challenge.

Assessments of performance continued to be effective in the identification of problems. The scope of the engineering self-assessment program was limited and the evaluation of identified problems was sometimes untimely and incomplete in the engineering area.

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Should you have any questions or comments. I would be pleased to discuss them with you. I look forward to discussing this assessment with you on June 11, 1998.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by Luis A. Reyes)

Luis A. Reyes Regional Administrator

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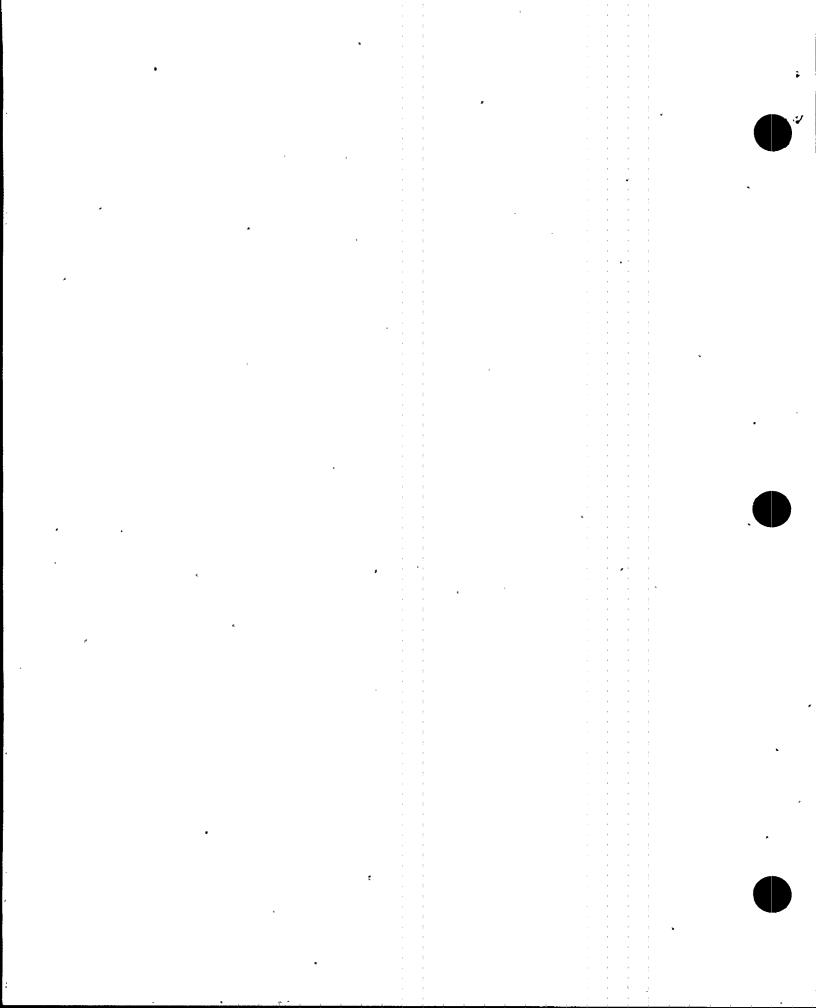
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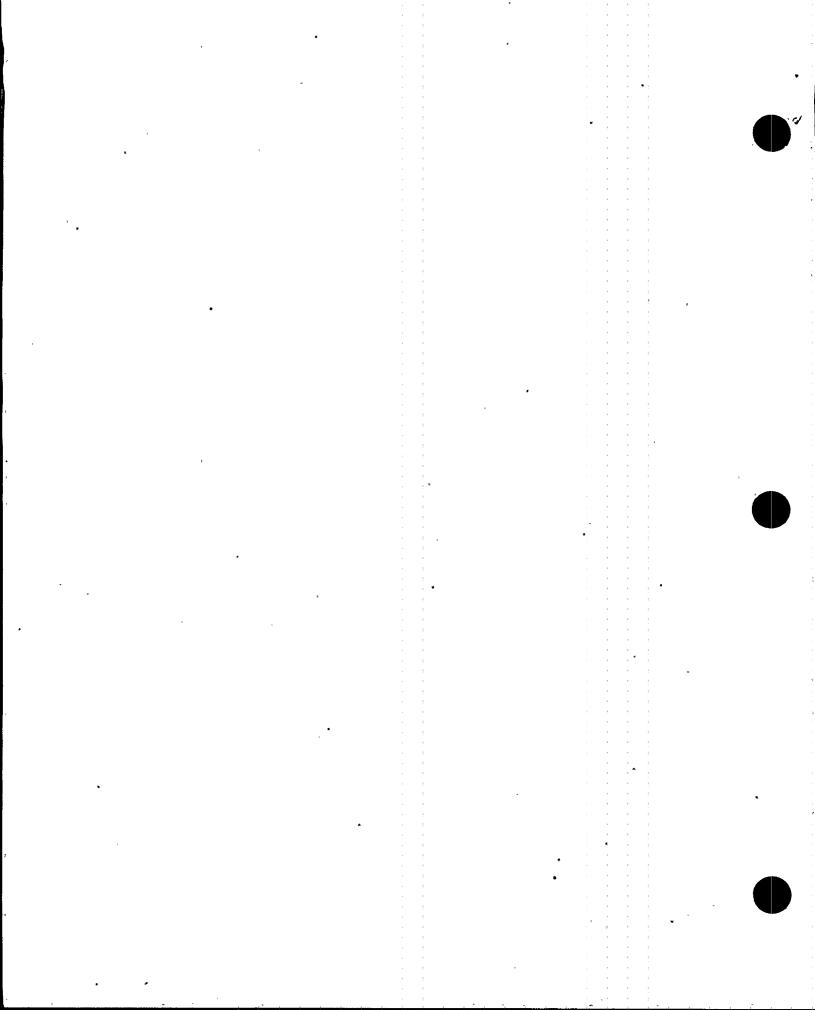
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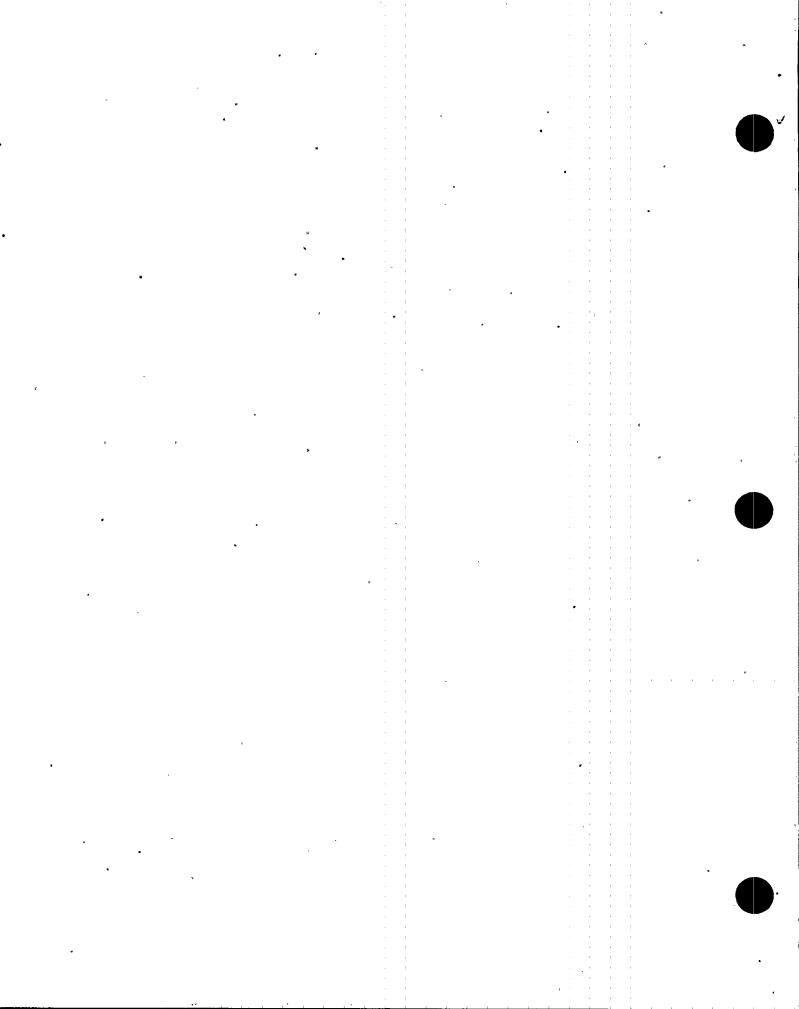
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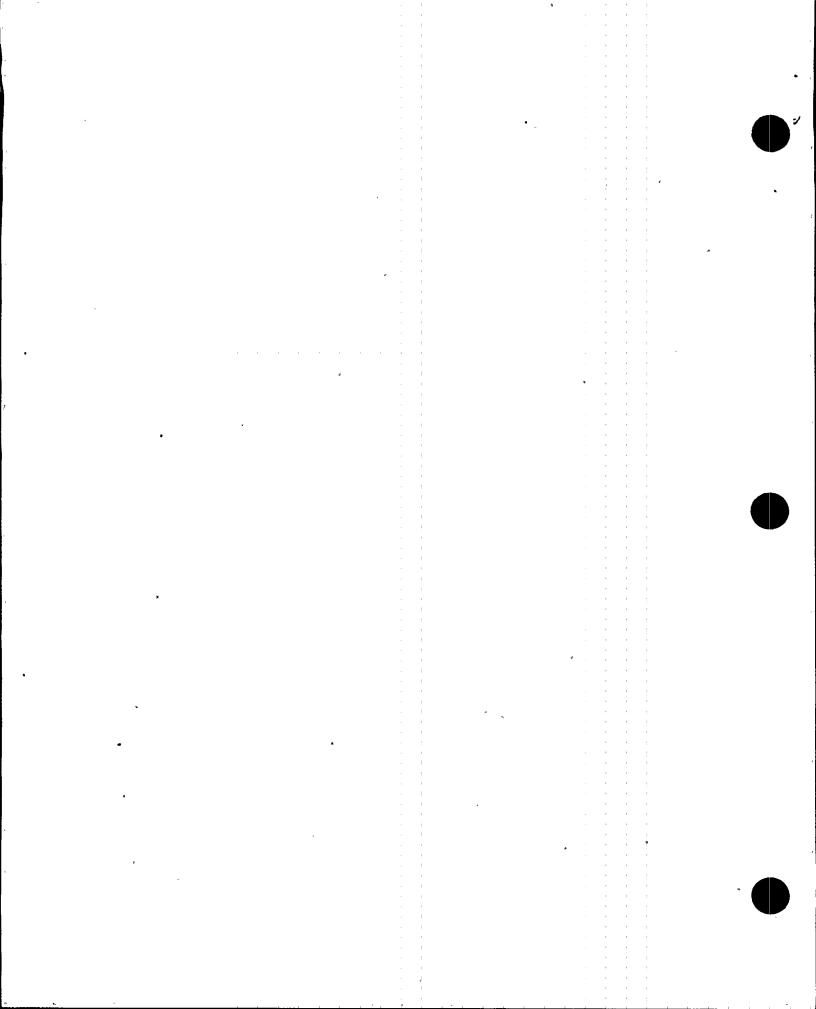


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