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February 23, 1999

**SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2 - SECOND 10-YEAR INTERVAL INSPECTION - RELIEF FROM ASME BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL CODE, SECTION XI REQUIREMENTS: RELIEF REQUEST 2-ISI-6 (TAC NO. MA1971)**

Dear Mr. Scalice:

By letter dated April 3, 1998, the Tennessee Valley Authority submitted a request for relief from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI (the Code) requirements. This request for relief, No. 2-ISI-6, pertains to the Second 10-Year Interval Inservice Inspection for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 2.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, with technical assistance from its contractor, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) has reviewed and evaluated your submittal. Based on its review, the NRC staff has determined, regarding Request for Relief No. 2-ISI-6, that the Code requirements are impractical and relief is granted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i). Granting the relief is authorized by law, will not endanger life, property, or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest, giving due consideration to the burden upon the licensee that could result if the requirements were imposed. The Enclosure documents our evaluation and conclusions for the request for relief. The Enclosure also includes the INEEL Technical Letter Report.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Cecil O. Thomas, Jr., Project Director  
 Project Directorate II-3  
 Division of Licensing Project Management  
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-260

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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