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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of) Docket Nos. 50-259
Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-260
50-296

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - RESPONSE TO NRC SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT (SER) DATED JANUARY 3, 1992 - INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM

- Reference: 1. Letter from TVA to NRC dated November 5, 1992, "Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Section XI Pump and Valve Testing Program, Request for Relief"
 - Safety Evaluation Report (SER) from NRC to TVA dated January 3, 1992, "Inservice Testing Program Relief for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (TAC Nos. M82118, M82119, and M82120)"

Reference 1 requested relief from the corrective action requirements of ASME Code XI, Paragraph IWV-3417(a) for all valves in the IST program. Reference 1 proposed that corrective actions limits be based on an increase in stroke time from a reference value instead of the stroke time of the previous test. The Request for Release is documented by PV-36 of the BFN Pump and Valve Program. Reference 2 provides approval of the proposed alternate method requested in Reference 1. In addition, Reference 2 requested BFN to notify the staff when PV-36 was implemented.

The purpose of this letter is to provide notification that PV-36 has been implemented at BFN.



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