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CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37401

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September 21, 1979

Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region II - Suite 3100  
101 Marietta Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

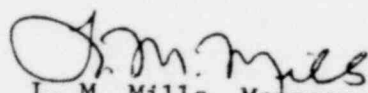
Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN 79-18 - RII:JPO  
50-259, -260, -296 - BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1, 2, AND 3

In response to your August 7, 1979, letter which transmitted OIE  
Bulletin 79-18, we are enclosing the results of our investigations  
at Browns Ferry.

Very truly yours,

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L. M. Mills, Manager  
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Enclosure

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TVA'S RESPONSE TO OIE BULLETIN 79-18  
"AUDIBILITY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED ON EVACUATION  
OF PERSONNEL FROM HIGH-NOISE AREAS"

A survey was completed on August 21, 1979, to determine whether current alarm systems and evacuation announcement systems were clearly audible and/or visible throughout all plant areas with emphasis on high-noise areas. Measurements in high-noise areas were conducted with maximum anticipated ambient noise levels.

Results of the survey indicated certain plant areas where the plant public address system and/or evacuation alarm system were not clearly audible because of the high ambient noise levels. The survey results are currently being evaluated within TVA in order to define necessary improvements. When the evaluation has been completed, we will inform you of our planned actions.

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