

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37401

500C Chestnut Street Tower II

January 31, 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:

Enclosed is our response to W. B. Kenna's January 8, 1979, letter, RII:KHB 50-259/78-34, 50-260/78-37, and 50-296/78-35, concerning activities at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant which appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements.

We have reviewed the above inspection report and find no proprietary information in it.

Very truly yours,

*J. M. Gilleland*  
for J. E. Gilleland  
Assistant Manager of Power

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ENCLOSURE

RESPONSE TO INSPECTION REPORT  
RII:KHB 50-259/78-34, 50-260/78-37, 50-296/78-35 -  
W. B. KENNA'S LETTER TO N. B. HUGHES  
DATED JANUARY 8, 1979

FINDINGS

- A. Paragraph 73.55(d)(1) of 10 CFR Part 73 requires, in part, that at the point of access into the protected area, search of all individuals shall be made for the detection of firearms, explosives, and incendiary devices.

Contrary to the above, on December 18, 1978, at approximately 1930-1945 hours, at least six persons entering the protected area were not searched for firearms, explosives, and incendiary devices. Specifically, one individual being patted down after causing an annunciation of the metal detector was not required to remove his headgear during the pat down. Also, a group of five persons entered the protected area and passed through the metal detector at approximately the same time causing several annunciations. The individuals were stopped by a Public Safety Officer but not searched for firearms, explosives, or incendiary devices prior to being permitted access to the protected area.

This is a deficiency.

- B. Paragraph 73.55(d)(2) of 10 CFR Part 73 requires, in part, that at the point of personnel access to the protected area, all hand-carried packages shall be searched for devices such as firearms, explosives, and incendiary devices.

Contrary to the above, on December 18, 1978, at approximately 1930-1945 hours, at least four persons entered the protected area with hand-carried packages which were not searched for devices such as firearms, explosives, and incendiary devices.

This is a deficiency.

RESPONSE

Corrective Steps Taken

Administrative action has been taken against the security force personnel responsible for the deficiency.

Corrective Steps Taken to Avoid Further Noncompliance

Additional training sessions were conducted on January 20, 1979, reemphasizing security employees' search responsibilities and knowledge of search procedures.

Date Full Compliance Achieved

Full compliance was achieved January 20, 1979.