

June 16, 1980

OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

EN-80- 22

Licensee: Tennessee Valley Authority, Chattanooga, TN
(Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant)
Docket No. 50-259 (License No. DPR-30)

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL PENALTY - \$5,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and a Notice of Proposed Imposition of a Civil Penalty in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars will be issued on or about June 18, 1980, to Tennessee Valley Authority. This action is based on an alleged item of noncompliance relating to a radiation level in excess of the regulatory limit on a transport vehicle. A level of 600 mrem/hr was measured on the surface of the vehicle upon its arrival at the Barnwell, South Carolina waste disposal site. A news release has been prepared and will be issued about the time the licensee receives the Notices. The State of Alabama will be notified.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Action Signed	June 16, 1980
Mailing of Notices	June 18, 1980
Telephone Notification of Licensee	June 18, 1980
Telephone Notification of State	June 18, 1980
NRC News Release	June 20, 1980

The licensee has 25 days from the date of the Notices in which to respond. Following NRC staff evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated or imposed by Order.

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