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

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY - BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 1 - DOCKET NO. 50-259 - FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-33 - REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE REPORT BFR0-50-259/81023

The enclosed report provides details concerning a cable tray heat detector which was damaged causing a false alarm which could have masked alarms from other detectors which are required to be operable per Technical Specification 3.11.C.1. This report is submitted in accordance with Browns Ferry unit 1 Technical Specification 6.7.2.b(2).

Very truly yours,

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