

January 8, 1990

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-ADSP-90-01

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FACILITY: Tennessee Valley Authority
Browns Ferry Unit 2
Docket No. 50-260
Athens, Alabama

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 X Not Applicable

SUBJECT: DEFUELING OF REACTOR

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

The licensee commenced removal of uranium fuel assemblies from the Unit 2 reactor at 2:00 a.m., (CST) on Saturday, January 6, 1990. Fuel was loaded in January, 1989, with a projected startup of September, 1989. Since loading fuel new work items have emerged. The fuel is being removed from the reactor vessel to reduce the number of systems required to be operable by Technical Specifications, which will enable TVA to complete the remaining work on the systems more expeditiously. The offloading is scheduled to last approximately two weeks. As of 6:00 a.m., (CST) on January 8, 1990 eighty of 764 fuel assemblies had been removed from the reactor and placed in the spent storage pool. The NRC Residents are providing expanded site coverage for the defueling activities.

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