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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF TVA MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE

This letter recognizes the reactive actions taken at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plants during the recent loss of secondary containment. This event was reported to the NRC in LER 50-259/82-53 and is discussed in NRC inspection report 50-259/82-23, 50-260/82-23 and 50-296/82-23 which was issued following our inspection of this event.

The prompt action taken to place the reactors in the appropriate condition and the staffs' active pursuit of the causes of this event are a good example of a proper safety attitude to ensure the health and safety of the public and to adhere to regulatory requirements.

I am pleased to recognize that the actions taken by TVA included the mobilization of a multidisciplinary task force, comprised of both off-site technical personnel and on-site specialists, to identify and locate the root cause of the event and take appropriate corrective action. This task force, based on direct observation by our inspectors, effectively performed their duties including the conduct of special tests to verify the results of the corrective actions. I also note that Region II was kept well informed of the status of your team's investigations and corrective actions.

I am pleased to have available, for recognition, this example of a job well done. I believe that this type of recognition will contribute, to some degree, to overall public safety and improved regulatory communications.

Sincerely,

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