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Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260, 50-296
License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, DPR-68

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)
NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/94-08, 50-260/94-08,
AND 50-296/94-08

This refers to the inspection conducted by D. Thompson of this office on April 25 - 29, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Browns Ferry facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation described in the enclosed Notice is similar to a violation contained in the Notice sent to you by our letter dated June 18, 1993. The violation is of concern because it demonstrates a continuing problem in the control and issue of security badges that adversely impacts the effectiveness of access control to the protected and vital areas. It is apparent that corrective actions for previous violations of this nature have not been effective in precluding recurrence. Because "similar violations," as described in the NRC Enforcement Policy, are of significant concern to the NRC, please give particular attention in your response to the identification of the root cause of this program and your corrective action to prevent recurrence.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

*Original signed
by B. Mallett*

J.P.

J. Philip Stohr, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Notice Of Violation
(Safeguards Information)
2. NRC Inspection Report
(Safeguards Information)

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