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

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/92-09, 50-260/92-09, AND
50-296/92-09)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by A. Tillman on March 9-13, 1992. This inspection included a review of activities authorized under NRC License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52 and DPR-68 for your Browns Ferry Nuclear facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed Inspection 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.

The inspection findings indicate that certain activities appear to violate NRC requirements. Two of the apparent violations described in the enclosed Inspection Report that relate to access controls and reportability of safeguards events are undergoing review and consideration for further NRC action. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation for these two apparent violations is being issued at this time, and a response to these violations is not required at this time. However, please be advised that the number and characterization of the apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on these issues.

In addition to the apparent violations discussed above, inspection results indicate that certain other of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation. We are concerned about the enclosed violation because it demonstrates a weakness in the procedures for verification of firearms qualification and supervisory oversight.

The enclosed Inspection Report also identifies an activity that appeared to violate NRC requirements that is not cited; therefore, a response is not required for this issue.

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You are required to respond to the Notice of Violation transmitted by 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.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(d) and 10 CFR 73.21, safeguards activities and security measures are exempt from public disclosure. Therefore, the enclosure to this letter, with the exception of the report cover page, which represents a nonexempt summary, will not be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

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

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