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Docket Nos. 50-327, 50-328 License Nos. DPR-77, DPR-79 EA 92-006

Tennessee Valley Authority ATTN: Mr. D. A. Nauman Senior Vice President, Nuclear Power 6N 38A Lookout Place 1101 Market Street Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50- J27/91-31 AND 50-328/91-31

This refers to the inspection conducted by W. Holland of this office on December 8, 1991 through January 6, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Sequoyah 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.

Based on the results of this inspection, three apparent violations were identified and are being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1991). The apparent violations involved a failure to remove jumpers from safetyrelated electrical circuits resulting in operation which was in violation of technical specification requirements for approximately 70 hours. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. In addition, 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.

An enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for January 29, 1992 in the NRC Region .. Office. The purpose of this conference is to discuss the apparent violations, their causes and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions; and to discuss any other information that will help us determine the appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the Enforcement Policy. We are concerned about the apparent lack of understanding on the part of licensee appropriate requirements for the control of jumpers. Also, the

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effectiveness of second party verification, post maintenance testing and training of craft in management's expectations appear to have contributed to this problem. We also noted that corrective actions for past problems in the independent and second party verification areas did not prevent these apparent violations. At the enforcement conference you should be prepared to address the actions being taken to correct these problems. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding the apparent violations is required at this time.

In accordance with Section 2.790(a) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

(Original signed by J. Johnson)

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Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report

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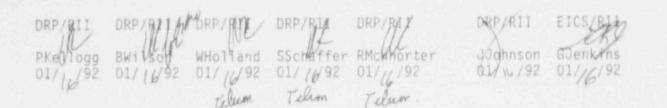
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