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Docket Nos. 50-327, 50-328
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EA 92-006

Tennessee Valley Authority
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-327/91-31 AND 50-328/91-31)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by Mr. W. Holland on December 8, 1991 - January 4, 1992 at the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant. The inspection included a review of the facts and circumstances related to the discovery of temporary electrical jumpers on the Unit 1 A train Main Steam Isolation Valves' automatic closure circuits (part of the Engineered Safety Feature Actuation System) which caused them to be inoperable. Unit 1 was in Mode 3 at the time the jumpers were discovered and reported by your staff on December 14, 1991. The report documenting this inspection was sent to you by letter dated January 16, 1992.

As a result of this inspection, apparent violations of NRC requirements were identified. An enforcement conference was held on January 29, 1992, in the NRC Region 11 office to discuss the violations, their cause, and your corrective actions to preclude recurrence. A copy of your Enforcement Conference Handout and a list of Attendees are enclosed.

We have reviewed your evaluation of the apparent violations and agree with your conclusion that the root cause of the Technical Specification Violation involved multiple examples of failure to follow and/or inadequate procedures for implementation of the maintenance activity involving repacking of the Unit 1 Main Steam Isolation Valves. Based upon the results of the inspection and the information presented in the enforcement conference, including your safety evaluation, we have concluded that a Severity Level IV violation will be issued as stated in the enclosed Notice.

Because of the multiple problems identified during review of the event, your response should clearly identify the root cause of the problems and address all actions taken to prevent recurrence, including the overview activities to verify corrective action effectiveness. You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. 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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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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 J. Johnson)

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Enforcement Conference Handout
3. List of Attendees

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