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

Tennessee Valley Authority ATTN: Dr. Mark O. Medford Vice President. Nuclear Assurance, Licensing & Fuels 3B Lookout Place 1101 Market Street Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801

Gantlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-327/92-09 AND 50-328/92-09

This refers to the inspection conducted by J. L. Coley of this office on March 23 -April 10, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Sequeyah 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, 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. The apparent violations involve the failure of your ultrasonic inspections to identify significant cracking in your feedwater piping, and other matters concerning your Inservice Inspection Program Implementation.

Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issue for these inspection findings. Please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

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An enforcement conference to discuss the apparent violations has been scheduled for May 1, 1992. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violations, their cause 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 action(s); and to discuss any other information that will help us determine the appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the Enforcement Policy.

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 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.

Sincerely,

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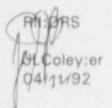
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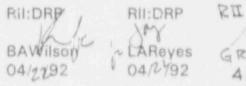
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