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Gentlemen:

Subject: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/92-18, 50-260/92-18,
AND 50-296/92-18)

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) has been completed for your Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 2. The facility was evaluated for the period May 24, 1991, through May 23, 1992. The results of the evaluation are documented in the enclosed Initial SALP Report. This report will be discussed with you at a public meeting to be held at the Browns Ferry site on July 27, 1992, at 1:00 p.m.

The performance of your Browns Ferry, Unit 2 was evaluated in the functional areas of Plant Operations, Radiological Controls, Maintenance/Surveillance, Emergency Preparedness, Security, Engineering/Technical Support, and Safety Assessment/Quality Verification.

The assessment identified superior performance in the functional areas of Operations, Radiological Controls, and Emergency Preparedness. All other functional areas were assessed as good. The Unit 2 reactor startup, power reduction, and subsequent operations for the SALP period were well performed with significant management involvement and oversight. The material condition of Unit 2 is very good and continues to improve. A positive safety attitude has been demonstrated by management involvement and plant operations with a minimum number of problems. Teamwork is evident among the Browns Ferry organizational elements and operational excellence clearly is a major goal of the station staff.

Any comments you have concerning our evaluation of the performance of your Browns Ferry facility should be submitted to this office within 30 days following the date of our meeting. These comments will be considered in the development

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of the Final SALP Report. Your comments and a summary of our meeting will be issued as an appendix to the Final SALP Report.

(Original signed by Stewart Ebner)

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Enclosure: Initial SALP Report

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