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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of) Docket Nos. 50-259
Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-260
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BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - REQUEST OF SAFETY EVALUATION REGARDING PROGRAM TO RESOLVE IE BULLETINS 79-02 AND 79-14

This letter is a request for a review of the TVA program to resolve Inspection and Enforcement (IE) Bulletins 79-02 and 79-14 and the issuance of a written statement documenting the programs acceptability. A description of the TVA program was submitted on April 8, 1987. This program has been reviewed in detail with the NRC Staff during the TVA/NRC meetings on September 16 and December 11, 1987. It is our belief that the interim program provides adequate justification for the operation of unit 2 through cycle 6 and that the long-term program will assure full compliance with IE Bulletins 79-02 and 79-14. It is our understanding, based upon our discussions with the NRC Staff, that all material necessary for NRC's review of this program has been provided.

TVA requests your expeditious review since this program is critical to the BFN Unit 2 restart schedule. This ongoing program is manpower intensive and addresses a significant portion of the essential civil work effort.

Please refer questions regarding this submittal to M. J. May, Manager of BFN Site Licensing, at (205) 729-3570.

Very truly yours,

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