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Tennessee Valley Authority
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/88-05, 50-260/88-05, AND
50-296/88-05)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by G. L. Paulk on March 1-31, 1988. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Browns Ferry 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 included operational safety, maintenance observation, surveillance testing observation, reportable occurrences, plant operations review committee (PORC), restart testing and Q-List. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

The inspection findings indicate certain activities appeared to violate NRC requirements. The violations, references to pertinent requirements, and elements to be included in your response are described in the enclosed Notice of Violation.

Violation D described in the enclosed Notice is similar to a violation contained in the Notice sent to you by our letter dated April 21, 1986. Because "similar violations," as described in the NRC Enforcement Policy, are of significant concern to the NRC, please give particular attention in your response to the identification of the root cause of this problem and your corrective action to prevent recurrence.

Two unresolved items were identified in the inspection report. The first matter relates to proper designation of alternate Plant Operations Review Committee (PORC) chairmen in your Plant Managers Instruction 7.1 which are other than those stated in Technical Specification 6.5.1.2.a. The second matter relates to Q-list programmatic deficiencies which require further evaluation by your staff to ensure that the Q-list can be relied upon in determining safety-related and important to safety equipment.

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosures are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget issued under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

Original signed by Little

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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