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Docket Nos. 50-327, 50-328
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Mr. S. A. White
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Dear Mr. White:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-327/88-34 AND 50-328/88-34)

This refers to the routine Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) resident inspection conducted by K. Jenison on June 6 - July 11, 1988. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed inspection report. NRC concerns relative to the inspection findings were also discussed in an Enforcement Conference held on July 28, 1988 at the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant. A summary of this Enforcement Conference is contained in paragraph 7.e. of 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.

The inspection findings indicate that 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 A involves operation of the Upper Head Injection System in a condition outside the Technical Specifications for a period of approximately 17 hours. Violation B involves the failure of TVA staff to comply with Technical Specification requirements to verify the operability of the remaining Emergency Diesel Generators (EDG) within one hour whenever one EDG unit is inoperable. Violation C involves the failure to appropriately implement those portions of your Radiological Emergency Plan associated with declaring an Unusual Event and notifying appropriate personnel within required time constraints following the identification of a reactor coolant leak in excess of the requirements set aside in your Technical Specifications. We wish to bring to your attention the similarity of Violation C and the violation associated with NRC Inspection Report 50-327,328/88-33. We are concerned that your operating staff may be responding to alarms and conditions, which by your site Radiological Emergency Plan, require declaring a Notification of Unusual Event, in a manner which is less conservative than required and expected. In your response to Violation C, please ensure this concern is addressed.

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

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
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Enclosures:
1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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