UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1 DOCKET NO. 50-259

ISSUANCE OF DIRECTOR'S DECISION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, has issued a Director's Decision concerning a Petition dated April 5, 1998, filed on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists (Petitioner) by Mr. David A. Lochbaum, pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.206 (10 CFR 2.206). The Petition requests the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to (1) revoke the operating license for Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 1; (2) require the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to submit either a decommissioning plan or a lay-up plan for Unit 1; (3) conduct NRC inspections at Browns Ferry Unit 1 against the decommissioning plan or the lay-up plan; and (4) hold a hearing in the Washington, DC, area.

The Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, has determined to deny in part and grant in part the Petition, for the reasons stated in the "Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206" (DD-99-06). The complete text that follows this notice is available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2210 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C., and at the local public document room for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant at the Athens Public Library, 405 E. South Street, Athens, Alabama 35611.

A copy of this decision has been filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission's review. As provided for by 10 CFR 2.206(c), the decision will constitute the

final action of the Commission 25 days after issuance, unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the decision withir, that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29 day of March 1999.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation