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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Tennessee Valley Authority
Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260 and 50-296

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES - \$150,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) will be issued on or about September 8, 1986 to Tennessee Valley Authority. This action is based on three Severity Level III violations identified at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant involving: (1) certain cable tray supports that were not adequately designed to withstand a design basis earthquake, (2) five examples of failures of the licensee to take adequate corrective actions, and (3) four examples of failures to ensure that activities were accomplished in accordance with appropriate drawings and procedures. While the civil penalties for each violation could have been increased substantially because of the duration of the violations, they were not escalated in this case because most of the deficiencies were identified by the licensee as a result of actions it has taken since the shutdown of the three units at Browns Ferry in March, 1985 to improve licensed activities. One other Severity Level IV violation involving an inadequate review in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.59 was also identified.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The Regional Administrator has been authorized by the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, to sign this action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice	September 8, 1986
Telephone Notification of Licensee	September 8, 1986

A news release has been prepared and will be issued after the licensee receives the Notice. The State of Alabama will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalties may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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