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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of) Docket Nos. 50-259
Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-260
50-296

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 - NRC INSPECTION REPORT
NOS. 50-259/88-22, 50-260/88-22, AND 50-296/88-22, - RESPONSE TO EXAMPLE 2 OF
THE VIOLATION

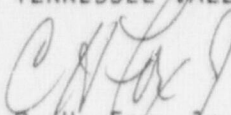
This letter provides TVA's revised response to the letter from L. J. Watson to
O. D. Kingsley dated March 21, 1989, addressing example 2 of the violation.
TVA recognizes that timely corrective action was not taken when a lack of
certification examination records for four Shift Operations Supervisors was
identified.

The enclosure provides background information and TVA's response to NRC's
concerns raised in the subject report.

If you have any questions, please telephone Patrick Carrier, BFN, at
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Very truly yours,

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RESPONSE
NRC INSPECTION REPORT
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LETTER FROM L. J. WATSON TO O. D. KINGSLEY
DATED MARCH 21, 1988

TVA Response

Example 2

1. Admission or Denial of the Alleged Violation

TVA admits that example 2 of the violation occurred in that actions were not taken in a timely manner.

2. Reason for the Denial if Admitted

TVA focused their attention on the four temporarily promoted Shift Operator Supervisors (SOSs) and failed to do further investigation early on the other four SOSs identified in the employee concern report from the new Employee Concern Program. After realizing that the form 7860 report on student and operator training activities did not exist when these four SOSs were examined, TVA relied on the recollection of the personnel involved rather than following through to search for some documentation of successful accreditation examination completion.

3. Corrective Steps Which Have Been Taken and Results Achieved

A records search was initiated and documentation (accreditation exam cover sheets) were located for the four other SOSs. Since September 1979, form 7860 is issued upon completion of all upgrade Accreditation Examinations. Copies are distributed to Personnel Records, Nuclear Training Records, a Plant Management/Labor representative, and to the Operator Training Department.

4. Corrective Steps Which Will Be Taken to Avoid Further Violations

TVA will continue to take a proactive approach to factoring concerns from the New Employee Concern Program into the line organizations. In turn, the line organization will be careful to ensure that additional concerns are addressed along with the initial issue.

5. Date When Full Compliance Will Be Achieved

Full compliance has been achieved.