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SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT - NRC SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT  
05000259/2012403, 05000260/2012403 AND 05000296/2012403

Dear Mr. Shea:

On May 25, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at your Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed Inspection Report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on May 25, 2012, with Mr. K. Polson and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations, and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

This report documents one finding of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the Physical Protection Significance Determination Process). This finding was NRC identified. The deficiency was corrected or compensated for, and the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements within the scope of this inspection before the inspectors left the site. The finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Human Performance H.2.c., in that, the licensee failed to maintain complete and accurate procedures. Additionally, one licensee-identified violation which was determined to be of very low safety significance is listed in this report. However, because of the very low safety significance and because they are entered into your corrective action program, the NRC is treating these violations as non-cited violations (NCVs) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the NRC Enforcement Policy. If you contest these non-cited violations, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; with copies to the

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Sincerely,

/RA/

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Division of Reactor Safety

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