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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director  
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN 79-08 -  
RII:JPO 50-259, -260, -296 - BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR  
PLANT UNITS 1, 2, AND 3

This is in further response to your April 13, 1979, letter which transmitted OIE Bulletin 79-08. In our April 24, 1979, letter to you from J. E. Gilleland, we inadvertently omitted our response to item 11 of the subject bulletin. Enclosed is a revision to page 13 of our original response dated April 24, 1979, which addresses item 11. We apologize for any inconvenience that this error might have caused. If you have any further questions, please get in touch with Tish Jenkins at FTS 854-2014.

Very truly yours,

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To remove hydrogen from an isolated reactor vessel, the main steam relief valves may be remotely operated to vent the hydrogen to the suppression pool. In addition, the reactor vessel has a head vent line with valves remotely operated from the control room.

The primary containment is normally inerted with nitrogen to maintain low oxygen concentration. Redundant instrumentation is available to continuously monitor both the oxygen and hydrogen concentrations in the torus and drywell. Nitrogen stored in tanks as part of the containment atmospheric dilution (CAD) system is available for controlling hydrogen and oxygen concentration. Existing operating procedures adequately prescribe the operation of the CAD system to prevent buildup of detonatable gases in the primary containment.

11. Propose changes, as required, to those technical specifications which must be modified as a result of your implementing the items above.

Response to Question 11

TVA does not believe that additional technical specifications or proposed changes to existing technical specifications are required as a result of implementing items 1 through 10 above.

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