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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Tennessee Valley Authority
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260
and 50-296

License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52
and DPR-68

During an NRC inspection conducted on June 17-20, 1996, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

Paragraph 5.6.1, Revision 0, dated July 28, 1995, of the Physical Security Plan (PSP) requires that the "Hand-carried items shall be searched by a Member Security Force (MSF) (either physically searched by hand or electronically searched by x-ray devices) prior to entrance to the PA for unauthorized firearms, explosives, incendiary devices, or other items that could be used for radiological sabotage."

Paragraph 3.4.1, Section 101, Revision 5, dated April 23, 1996, Physical Security Instruction Manual, requires that "Items that are not clearly visible on the x-ray monitor will be physically searched prior to entry into the PA."

Paragraph 3.4.5, Section 101, Revision 5, dated April 23, 1996, of the Physical Security Instruction Manual, requires that "Upon discovery of unauthorized material while performing searches of personnel, vehicles or packages, the search MSF shall implement immediate and concurrent measures to neutralize the possibility of a threat, to include but not limited to: Deny the person and/or material access to the PA. Notify the CAS and appropriate security supervisory personnel...and take possession/control of the unauthorized material."

Contrary to the above, on June 18, 1996, during a test two members of the security force failed to detect a firearm that was clearly visible on the x-ray and even though they identified part of the firearm while hand-searching the packages, they failed to take actions to neutralize the possibility of a threat.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement III).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Tennessee Valley Authority is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region II, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the

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violation or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an Order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia
this 19th day of July 1996

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