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October 2, 1996

FACILITY: Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3

SUBJECT: SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 26, 1996 MEETING WITH TVA

On September 26, 1996, representatives of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) met with members of the NRC staff in Rockville, MD. TVA requested this meeting to discuss current issues of interest at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN). A list of attendees is given in Enclosure 1.

Discussions focused on the recent denial of an emergency technical specification amendment request for BFN Unit 3. The request, dated September 15, 1996, proposed to extend the time allowed for operation with a single reactor recirculation loop in service from 24 hours to 7 days. Denial of this request led to shutdown of BFN Unit 3 pending repair of the Loop A recirculation pump motor/generator set. TVA reviewed the sequence of events leading to submittal of the amendment request, and discussed their understanding of the issues that led to the denial. The NRC staff documented the basis for denying the request in a letter to TVA dated September 26, 1996.

The staff noted that it is a goal that no emergency technical specification amendments or notices of enforcement discretion will be required, since such actions bypass the normal opportunity for public comment. However, it is recognized that such actions will be occasionally necessary.

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