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Mr. Jim Barstow  
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**SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT – INVESTIGATION SUMMARY, OFFICE OF  
INVESTIGATIONS CASE NUMBER 2-2019-016**

Dear Mr. Barstow:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) has closed the subject case regarding an NRC licensed operator at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant who deliberately submitted information that was known to be incomplete and inaccurate. Specifically, following an equipment manipulation and plant transient, the operator withheld information about the manipulation of the voltage regulator man/auto select switch, 3-HS-47-27, which caused the transient on or about March 9, 2019.

Based on the NRC staff inspection and review of the investigation, the NRC determined that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate that an NRC licensed operator deliberately submitted incomplete and inaccurate information to Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). We plan no further action with regard to this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

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Sincerely,

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