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In the Matter of Tennessee Valley Authority

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BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-259, 260, 296/90-14 - SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

On June 14, 1990, NRC issued the subject inspection report which cited TVA with a violation for failure to perform independent verification. In its response to the violation dated July 13, 1990, TVA noted it was evaluating the generic impact of this concern and committed to provide a supplemental response by August 24, 1990. This letter reports on the generic actions that TVA has taken to address independent verification. The enclosure provides a listing of commitments being made in this letter.

In order to standardize independent verification activities TVA has developed a corporate level standard, STD-10.1.15, Independent Verification. This standard establishes requirements for determining when independent verification is required and for performing independent verification. This standard will be implemented at BFN by September 30, 1990, through a revision to Site Director Standard Practice (SDSP) 3.15, Independent Verification. BFN procedures will be evaluated against the criteria in this revised SDSP during the two-year procedure review and change process.

In summary, TVA considers that the revision of SDSP 3.15 will establish consistent use of independent verification activities at BFN such that plant systems and components are controlled in a manner that supports safe and reliable operation.

Very truly yours,

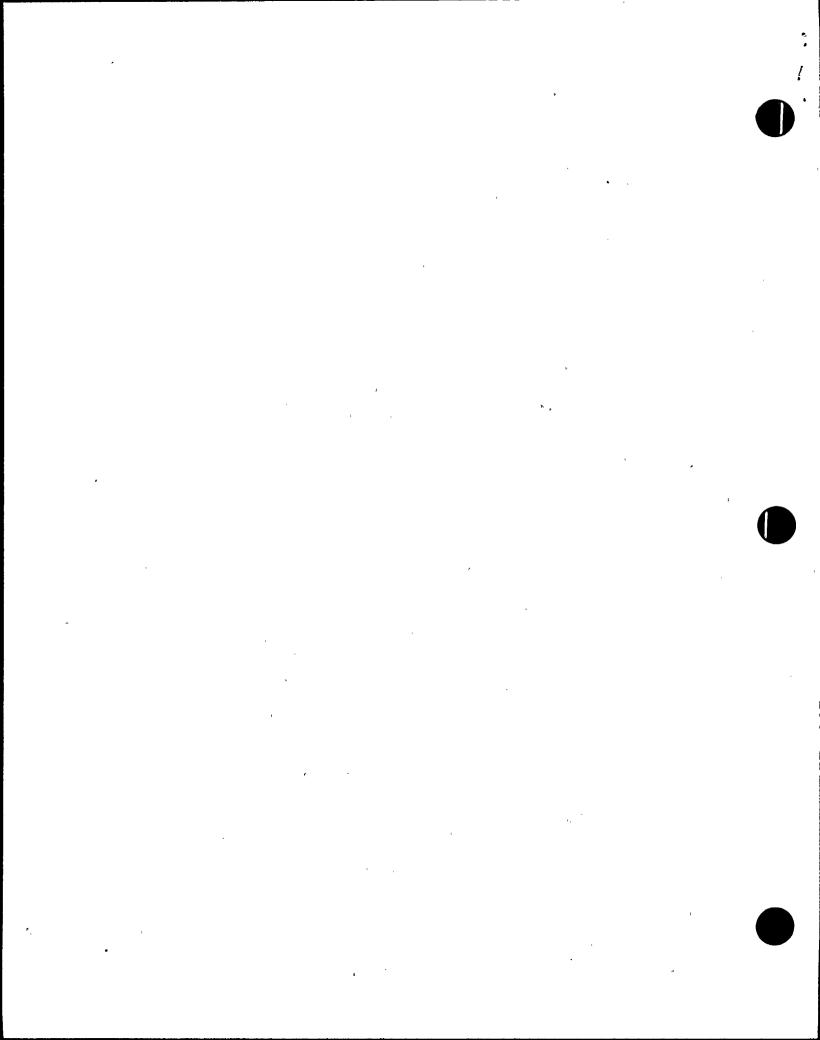
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# ENCLOSURE

Site Director Standard Practice 3.15, Independent Verification, will be revised to implement corporate standard ONP 10.1.15, Independent Verification. This revision will be completed by September 30, 1990.