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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of)	Docket Nos. 50-259
Tennessee Valley Authority)	50-260
		50-296

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER (GL) 88-01 (TAC 61049)

Reference: NRC Letter to TVA dated December 21, 1989, "EVALUATION OF TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY'S SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 88-01, NRC POSITION ON IGSCC IN BWR SYSTEMATIC SHUTDOWN STAINLESS STEEL PIPING" (TAC 61049)

The purpose of this letter is to clarify TVA's position on two items in the subject Safety Evaluation (SE) on GL 88-01 (above reference).

The items in question relate to bimetallic welds and the GL 88-01 classification of Residual Heat Removal (RHR) inaccessible penetration weldments. TVA accepts the NRC position established in the Safety Evaluation for both of these items. The following is a clarification of each item.

Bimetallic welds (Section 2.3.1 of above reference) have been examined during the current unit 2 outage with no indications found. The inspection category of these nine welds will be changed from Category "A" to Category "D" prior to unit 2 restart. However, TVA may consider recategorization of these welds at a later date if supporting engineering data on their Intergranular Stress Corrosion Cracking (IGSCC) resistance becomes available.

The RHR inaccessible penetration weldments (Section 2.3.2 of above reference) will be addressed during the unit 2 cycle 6 outage per the requirements established in GL 88-01. However, TVA may request approval to remove the weldments from the GL 88-01 scope at a later date if supporting operational data becomes available.

This letter completes the actions requested by NRC in its Safety Evaluation on GL 88-01 for unit 2. TVA requests the issuance of a revised SE documenting the resolution of these issues for restart.

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