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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of) Docket Nos. 50-327
Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-328

SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT (SQN) - TVA WITHDRAWAL OF EXIGENT TS CHANGE ASSOCIATED WITH SQN ULTIMATE HEAT SINK (UHS)

Reference: TVA letter to NRC dated July 13, 2000, "Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN) - Exigent Technical Specification (TS) Change 00-17, Ultimate Heat Sink (UHS)"

The above referenced letter provided TVA's request for an exigent TS change to temporarily increase the UHS temperature from 84.5 degrees F to 87.0. Recent changes in environmental conditions (cooler temperatures combined with increased rainfall in the Tennessee Valley region) have caused the rising trend in river temperatures to subside. Based on current conditions and projections, the Tennessee River temperatures are forecast to remain below SQN's current UHS temperature limit. These environmental changes result in the need for TVA to withdraw the reference amendment request.

TVA appreciates the staff's timely assistance in the review of the reference letter. Given the unanticipated circumstances surrounding the nature and discovery of this event, TVA made a best effort to submit a timely application for this amendment.

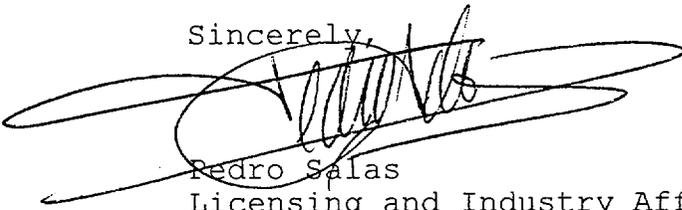
TVA recognizes through its participation in the NEI Licensing Action Task Force (LATF), that NRC and industry has been seeking a permanent solution for dealing with severe weather challenges to the UHS TS temperature limit. TVA plans to develop a solution that is either based on a higher temperature limit or on a risk informed TS action. We expect to be able to update NRC on our plan by April 2001.

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