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Dear Mr. White:

SUBJECT: CRITICALITY MONITORING (TAC 00214/00215/00216)

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

This letter is in response to your August 31, 1987 letter dealing with exemption from criticality monitoring requirements of 10 CFR 70.24 for Browns Ferry Units 1, 2 and 3. Your request indicates that TVA received exemptions from Section 70.24 in its Part 70 licenses issued for these units, but that the exemptions were not incorporated into the Part 50 operating licenses issued for these units. The staff considers that the previously issued exemptions are still in effect even though the specific provisions of the Part 70 licenses were not incorporated into the Part 50 license.

Section 2.B(2) of the Units 1, 2, and 3 licenses states that TVA is authorized to receive, possess and use special nuclear material as reactor fuel in accordance with Part 70. In view of this provision, the previously issued exemptions should not be considered to have expired and you are hereby advised that the staff does not consider a further exemption necessary.

Nevertheless, be advised that if TVA still wishes to receive the requested exemption, the staff will process it. The staff considers this matter closed. However, if you have any further questions on this matter, please contact the NRC Project Manager, Mr. David H. Moran at (301) 492-0766.

Sincerely,

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