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Secretary
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Gentlemen:

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) - COMMENTS ON ADVANCED NOTICE
OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING (VOL. 66 FEDERAL REGISTER 52551, DATED
OCTOBER 16, 2001)

TVA is providing comments in support of NRC's effort to provide
a regulatory structure that will make consideration of the
entombment option for decommissioning more feasible.

TVA believes that maintaining the entombment option as a viable
option for safe and effective decommissioning is prudent. This
option may become more essential for safe decommissioning of
power reactors if access to low-level radioactive waste
facilities becomes more problematic.

TVA endorses the responses developed by nuclear industry
representatives on the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) Low-
Level Waste Working Group and submitted to NRC by letter from
NEI.

TVA appreciates the opportunity to comment on this advanced notice
of proposed rulemaking. If you have questions, please contact Mark
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Sincerely,

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