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Gentlemen:

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) - COMMENTS ON PROPOSED GENERIC COMMUNICATION - INACCESSIBLE OR UNDERGROUND CABLE FAILURES THAT DISABLE ACCIDENT MITIGATION SYSTEMS (VOL. 70 FEDERAL REGISTER 44127, DATED AUGUST 1, 2005)

TVA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the subject draft generic communication.

In the subject Federal Register, the NRC proposes to issue a generic letter in order to:

- (1) Alert the licensees on the potential susceptibility of certain cables to affect the operability of multiple accident-mitigation systems.
- (2) Request that addressees provide information regarding the monitoring of the inaccessible or underground electrical cables in light of the information provided in this letter.

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) assembled a task force to evaluate the extent of cable issues and provide greater understanding of cable aging by sharing the experiences of members. TVA participated with the task force and provided comments through the NEI letter on this issue dated September 30, 2005. TVA endorses the collective industry comments provided by NEI's September 30, 2005, letter on this issue.

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Brown at (423) 751-7228.

Sincerely,

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