

November 15, 2007

Vanessa E. Quinn, Acting Director
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National Preparedness Directorate
Federal Emergency Management Agency
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Washington, D.C. 20472

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REVIEW
OF A COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION FROM TENNESSEE VALLEY
AUTHORITY, BELLEFONTE SITE

Dear Ms. Quinn:

On October 30, 2007, the Tennessee Valley Authority (applicant) submitted a combined license (COL) application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for two new reactor units at the Bellefonte site in Scottsboro, Alabama. We are mailing one copy (DVD) of the application for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) use in reviewing the offsite emergency planning information, as part of NRC's review and proposed issuance of a COL pursuant to Subpart C of 10 CFR Part 52. Per our arrangement with you, we are mailing two copies (DVDs) of the same application to Mr. Conrad Burnside in FEMA Region IV.

Please note that the NRC is conducting a review of the entire application for sensitive information. Until further notice, the information contained in the application, including offsite emergency planning information and any proprietary information, must remain non-publicly available.

We request that FEMA perform an acceptance review of the application materials, particularly focusing on offsite emergency planning information and provide the NRC, by December 12, 2007, a statement as to the application's completeness and technical adequacy for docketing. The acceptance review should establish that submitted offsite emergency planning information is sufficiently complete in content and depth such that the detailed review can be performed (subject to possible requests for additional information (RAI)), in support of preparing the required safety evaluation report. If the application materials are not complete and/or technically sufficient, then an explanation of what is missing or needed to resolve the concerns should be provided.

As part of the planning, a table documenting durations for each task of the safety review is enclosed. The NRC staff has reviewed these durations with your staff. Please provide us with an affirmation that the planning assumptions are valid and established review time durations can be met. The schedule and associated milestones, complete with specific dates, will be finalized once the application is docketed by the NRC. Please note that the safety review schedule includes opportunities for developing RAIs and interacting with the applicant on those RAIs.

For Phase 1, we are asking you to provide us a draft FEMA interim finding report and RAls. Please note that RAls should be provided at frequent intervals during the review process as they are developed. All RAls are to be provided by the end of Phase 1. For Phase 2, we are asking you to provide us a FEMA interim finding report with Open Items (OIs), as needed. For Phase 3 and Phase 5, we are asking you to participate, as necessary, in Advisory Committee for Reactor Safeguards meetings. For Phase 4, we are asking you to review the applicant's response to OIs and revise the FEMA interim finding report, as needed.

Any questions pertaining to the Bellefonte COL application review may be directed to either Daniel Barss (301-415-2922) or Nathan Sanfilippo (301-415-3951).

Sincerely,

/RA/

Anthony McMurtray, Branch Chief
Regulatory Improvements & Outreach Branch
Division of Preparedness and Response
Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

Enclosure: Bellefonte COL Task Durations

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