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April 5, 1986
ERT:QTC86.2222

Mr. Richard P. Denise
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Employee Concerns Program Task Group
Watts Bar Nuclear Plant ONP

50-390/391

SUBJECT: QTC Response to TVA Letter dated April 4, 1986,
Regarding QTC Contract Support

Dear Mr. Denise:

The subject letter regarding the QTC management of the remaining contractual support required by TVA is not acceptable to QTC. QTC does not agree that the interface with the NRC coupled with the contract closeout and removal of QTC property from the WBNP is a clerical function. QTC requires management control of the remaining closeout efforts which is anticipated during the week ending April 27, 1986. We reject the TVA request to "...arrange to have your senior clerical personnel trained to perform that function when a Program Manager is not available....". It is simply not possible to delegate the judgemental responsibility for this function along with interface responsibilities with senior NRC personnel to clerical personnel. It is not feasible to train the senior clerical personnel by April 12, 1986, to assume the decision processes and to use experienced judgemental calls for the day-to-day activities that could arise. On site management is a billable expense to the TVA.

Per our telecon of April 4, 1986, regarding the subject letter, QTC has recalled the fourth person from Louisiana. The personal expenses incurred by this individual to return to the WBNP will be billed to TVA at cost. The total clerical support to the NRC reproduction effort will be four (4) effective April 7, 1986, as requested.

Additionally, as we discussed during our telecon of April 4, 1986, TVA has authorized three (3) clerical persons to accomplish the notification to each CI that their ERT concerns files are being reproduced by the NRC and that the NRC is taking possession of three (3) complete copies. See the attached letter. We anticipate this effort to be completed by April 12, 1986.

Effective April 5, 1986, QTC has committed nine (9) clerical persons to support the TVA effort as follows:

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Four (4) for NRC reproduction support
One (1) for I & H support
Three (3) for the CI letter campaign
One (1) for general support and relief to others as required

QTC does not have a total of four (4) additional persons to support a second shift effort without adding persons not previously assigned to the QTC/ERT effort.

The February invoice submitted by QTC to your office on March 1, 1986, has not yet been processed for payment by TVA. This is in violation of contract No. TV-66317A, paragraph 4, which in part states:

"Payments to Contractor shall be made within thirty (30) days after the receipt by TVA of a proper invoice..."

Sincerely,

QUALITY TECHNOLOGY COMPANY

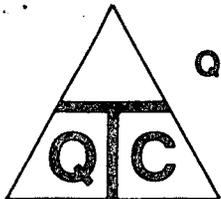


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cc: Mr. H. L. Thompson, Jr. ✓
Director, NRC-TVA Oversight Group
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Re: Employee Response Team Concern Number:

Dear

On January 30, 1986, the Employee Response Team/Quality Technology Company (ERT/QTC) received a copy of United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Order, Number 7590-1, dated January 30, 1986, signed by Harold R. Denton, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). This order directed the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to direct ERT/QTC to permit the NRC to inspect and copy the files of ERT/QTC. This would enable the NRC to insure that safety concerns expressed regarding TVA nuclear facilities have been evaluated and resolved.

The confidentiality agreement that ERT/QTC made with you provides that the release of your identity could be compelled by order or subpoena. This agreement further provides that ERT/QTC will attempt to inform you of the release of your identity prior to disclosing that information pursuant to an order or subpoena.

By virtue of this letter, ERT/QTC is advising you that, pursuant to the provisions of the above cited NRC Order, ERT/QTC is releasing your identity to the NRC, by virtue of the NRC making three (3) copies of each ERT/QTC file and removing said copies from the care, custody and control of QTC. Please be advised that this NRC Order provides that the NRC will honor the existing confidentiality agreement you have with ERT/QTC, and that should the need arise for the NRC to interview you, representatives of NRC will afford you the opportunity to sign an NRC confidentiality agreement if you so desire.

ERT/QTC has confidence in the ability of the NRC to evaluate and resolve safety concerns identified regarding nuclear facilities of TVA. All members of the ERT/QTC recognize and applaud your personal commitment to nuclear safety. We thank you for your response to our interviews and investigations.

Sincerely,

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