

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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September 17, 1979

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. L. S. Rubenstein, Acting Chief
Light Water Reactors Branch No. 4
Division of Project Management
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Rubenstein:

In the Matter of the Application of)	Docket Nos.	50-259
Tennessee Valley Authority)		50-260
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We have received your August 23, 1979, letter to H. G. Parris granting approval for use of Tefzel 200 as a snubber material. We understand that the surveillance interval is to be typical of other approved seals such as ethylene propylene. However, there does appear to be some inconsistency in your letter which we would like to clarify. In a letter dated May 4, 1979, from J. E. Gilleland to S. A. Varga, TVA requested approval of Tefzel 200 for use at Watts Bar and Bellefonte Nuclear Plants (Docket Nos. 50-329, 50-391, 50-438, and 40-439). These docket numbers were referenced in your August 23, 1979, letter; but in the body of the letter, Watts Bar and Sequoyah Nuclear Plants were specified. In a telephone conversation with C. Stahle of your staff, it was determined that NRC approval had indeed been

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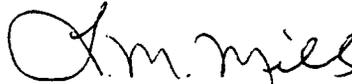
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granted for use at Watts Bar and Bellefonte. During this conversation, the subject of NRC approval on a generic basis was also discussed. Therefore, we request NRC approval for use of Tefzel 200 as a snubber material for all of TVA's nuclear plants including Browns Ferry, Sequoyah, Phipps Bend, Hartsville and Yellow Creek, in addition to Watts Bar and Bellefonte, with the same conditions specified in TVA's May 4, 1979, letter.

Very truly yours,

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