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Attention: Ms. Sharon R. Connelly

In the Matter of the Application of
Tennessee Valley Authority

) Docket Nos. 50-390
) 50-391

EMPLOYEE CONCERNS TASK GROUP (ECTG)

In the evaluation of employee concern WBM-86-004-004, additional information was revealed in the expurgated case files which indicated that the concerned individual questioned the NRC process for review and approval of letters of relief and other documents submitted by the licensee. As such, we believe it is appropriate that this concern be added to those within the Office of Inspector and Auditor's responsibility for review. TVA will pursue evaluation of this concern as it affects our operation". Enclosure 1 to this letter provides the additional information which led us to conclude that this concern should be co-shared. This has been discussed with George Mulley of your staff. Please acknowledge acceptance of co-shared responsibility of this concern to enable us to update our documentation of review responsibility.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Martha Martin at (615) 365-3587 (Watts Bar).

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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Enclosure 1

Transmittal of Additional Information Regarding Concern WBM-86-004-004

TVA Evaluation Responsibility: Operations Category, Report 30710

Excerpt from letter transmitting concern to QTC: "NRC is negligent in timely reviews of QC Programs such as Modifications, Operations, inservice inspections, pump, valve, pressure tests, and letters of relief from these programs. Some of these programs and letters of relief have been submitted to the NRC for years and no acknowledgment by NRC either approval or disapproval. In the meantime TVA operates as if these programs and letters of relief are approved. Because the third party inspection at the TVA nuclear plants work to these programs and letters of relief, their effectiveness is diluted if not useless."

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