

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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May 31, 1985

Director of Licensing
Attention: Mr. Hugh L. Thompson, Jr.
Division of Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Thompson:

In the Matter of the)	Docket Nos. 50-259	50-327
Tennessee Valley Authority)	50-260	50-328
		50-296	50-390
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By letters from E. G. Adensam, NRC, to H. G. Parris dated March 22 and April 2, 1985 and a letter from D. B. Vassallo, NRC, to H. G. Parris dated April 23, 1985 regarding Sequoyah, Watts Bar, and Browns Ferry Nuclear Plants, "Request for Additional Information Following Preliminary Staff Review of Licensee Responses to Generic Letter 83-28," our response for all three plants for item 2.2.2 is as follows.

TVA was one of 56 utilities involved in the Nuclear Utility Task Action Committee (NUTAC) formed to address NRC concerns expressed in section 2.2.2 of Generic Letter 83-28. The unanimous results of that committee's work was issued in March 1984 as the Vendor Technical Information Program (VETIP). TVA evaluated the recommendations of the report and in a letter from L. M. Mills to H. R. Denton dated September 17, 1984, committed to update and enhance our existing vendor information program along the recommended lines of the NUTAC report. TVA formed an interdivisional task force among the design, construction, and operating organizations and has dedicated resources for nearly a year to implement these enhancements to our program.

TVA considers the VETIP program as defined in the March 1984 NUTAC document still a valid response to section 2.2.2 of Generic Letter 83-28 and will continue to implement the program to which we have previously committed. Your staffs request also appears to violate the requirements of Chapter 0514 of the NRC Plant Specific Backfit Manual and appears to have not had proper review by

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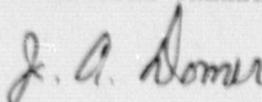
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the Committee To Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) prior to being issued as a requirement. Accordingly, it is requested that NRC reanalyze and reconsider your request for additional information. Any NRC changes would place our enhancements in arrears and delay the ultimate resolution of this item.

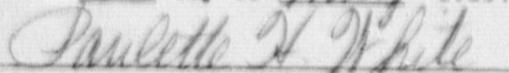
Very truly yours,

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J. A. Domer, Chief
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Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 31st day of May 1985.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires 8-24-88

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