

March 25, 1985

Tennessee Valley Authority
ATTN: Mr. H. G. Parris
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REPORT NOS. 50-259/85-03, 50-260/85-03, 50-296/85-03, 50-327/85-04,
50-328/85-04, 50-390/85-06, 50-391/85-06, 50-438/85-03, AND 50-439/85-03

On January 21-25, 1985, an NRC special Regional quality assurance team inspected activities authorized by NRC Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, DPR-68, DPR-77, and DPR-79 for the Browns Ferry and Sequoyah facilities and Construction Permit Nos. CPPR-91, CPPR-92, CPPR-122, and CPPR-123 for the Watts Bar and Bellefonte facilities. Our preliminary findings were discussed with Mr. J. P. Darling, Manager, Office of Nuclear Power, on January 25, 1985. Specific information relating to previously identified problems was requested by NRC management; consequently, an additional inspection was conducted on January 30 - February 1, 1985. The results of this inspection were discussed with Mr. R. C. Parker, Assistant Director, Division of Quality Assurance, on February 1, 1985.

This inspection was a comprehensive examination of your management and quality assurance controls related to licensed activities. Inspection was conducted in selected key areas of responsibility at the Sequoyah site and at TVA headquarters offices in Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tennessee. Areas examined during the inspection and our findings are discussed in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

The inspection findings indicate that certain activities violated NRC requirements. The violations, references to pertinent requirements, and elements to be included in your response are presented in the enclosed Notice of Violation.

An enforcement conference was held in the Region II office on February 28, 1985, to discuss NRC concerns arising from this inspection. These concerns involved TVA management control and action to prevent recurrence of previously identified problems cited as continuing violations in Item 1 of the enclosed Notice of Violation. Attendees and a summary of this meeting are discussed in paragraph 11 of the enclosed inspection report. In addition to the need for corrective action regarding the specific violation, we are concerned about the implementation of your quality assurance program that permitted its occurrence. Consequently, in your reply, you should describe in particular those actions taken or planned to improve the effectiveness of your quality assurance program.

Your attention is invited to an unresolved item identified in the inspection report. This matter will be pursued during future inspections.

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosures are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget issued under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by JNGrace)

J. Nelson Grace
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Report Nos. 50-259/85-03,
50-260/85-03, 50-296/85-03,
50-327/85-04, 50-328/85-04,
50-390/85-06, 50-391/85-06,
50-438/85-03, and 50-439/85-03

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