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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

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SUBJECT: NRC Control and Expurgation of QTC/ERT Copied Files

Dear Mr. Thompson:

On April 4, 1986, QTC supplied NRC with a copy of Revision C to the QTC/ERT concerns file expurgation procedure. In conversation with your office and other NRC personnel, we have determined that this request was in support of the NRC anticipated effort to expurgate certain files and turn the expurgated files over to TVA for resolution.

QTC agrees that the responsibility for correcting the many issues and concerns identified by the TVA employees through the QTC/ERT program is that of the TVA. However, this corrective action process must be accomplished without exposing the identities of the concerned individuals (CI's) except as stated in the QTC confidentiality agreement administered by QTC and each CI. If NRC embarks on the expurgation process and intends to turn over expurgated files to the TVA, then QTC strongly requests as a minimum, that the controls and checks and balances identified in the QTC expurgation procedure be totally implemented by NRC.

We also request that QTC be allowed to review the NRC procedure which administers the care, custody and control aspect of the three copies obtained from the QTC/ERT program files along with the NRC version of the file expurgation procedure to be utilized to accomplish this task.

Our company's position and concern relates solely to maintaining the integrity of the confidentiality assurance process. As we have discussed repeatedly, the assurance of confidentiality to those supplying information is the element essential to the past and future success of the Employee Response Team program.

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The goal of each of us is to identify and remedy safety concerns at TVA nuclear facilities. Individuals are the sole source of information. The threat, real or imagined, of the loss of a job or other sanctions will prevent individuals from volunteering information. If the identities are not kept confidential the effectiveness of the program is destroyed.

Sincerely,

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