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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of	)	Docket Nos. 50-259	50-390
Tennessee Valley Authority	)	50-260	50-391
		50-296	50-438
		50-327	50-439
		50-328	

IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESS AUTHORIZATION RULE - 10 CFR 73.56

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.56(a), TVA certifies that it has implemented an Access Authorization program for the Browns Ferry and Sequoyah Nuclear Plants which meets the requirements of 10 CFR 73.56. To satisfy the requirements of the rule, TVA is implementing the elements contained in Regulatory Guide 5.66 (June 1991) by implementing NUMARC 89-01, "Industry Guidelines for Nuclear Power Plant Access Authorization Programs," August 1989, as modified by the Regulatory Guide. The Access Authorization program at TVA is implemented principally by Nuclear Power Standard 11.1, which became effective on April 6, 1992. The Physical Security Plans (PSPs) for Browns Ferry and Sequoyah have been revised to state that Regulatory Guide 5.66 (June 1991) has been implemented to satisfy the requirements of §73.56. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(p)(2), the revised PSPs will be submitted to NRC within 60 days of the implementation date of Standard 11.1. The portions of Standard 11.1 which are applicable to our construction sites have been implemented at Watts Bar and Bellefonte Nuclear Plants. In accordance with §73.56(a)(2), the PSPs for those sites, when implemented, will incorporate the access authorization requirements of Standard 11.1.

Since TVA is a wholly owned corporate agency and instrumentality of the United States, certain limited aspects of NUMARC 89-01 are being implemented somewhat differently, as follows.

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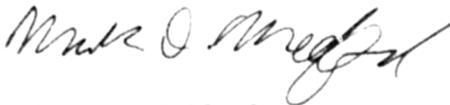
Fingerprints--NUMARC 89-01, Section 8.3, provides that a criminal history record check be performed through the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) for individuals whose unescorted access has been interrupted for more than 365 calendar days. TVA maintains a special agreement with the FBI and Office of Personnel Management which allows TVA to submit fingerprint cards directly to the FBI. Submittal of this card creates an open file on the individual, which automatically generates a report to TVA each time any new arrest/conviction information becomes available. As a result, TVA will have current information on individuals who return to TVA following a break in service, and initiation of a criminal history record check will not be necessary.

Use of Information--NUMARC 89-01, Section 14.0, states that disclosure of information collected shall be limited to "those individuals who have a need to have access to the information in performing assigned duties in the process of granting or denying unescorted access." In accordance with Executive Order 10450, information is collected by TVA and utilized to determine suitability requirements for TVA employment and for various security clearances in addition to unescorted access.

"Q" and "L" Clearances--(NUMARC 89-01, Section 6.2) In certain situations, personnel from the Department of Energy (DOE) with an active "Q" or "L" clearance have need for unescorted access to a TVA nuclear facility. Consistent with the rule's treatment of NRC employees, certification of an active "Q" or "L" clearance by DOE will be considered a sufficient level of background investigation to meet the requirements of 10 CFR 73.56 and 10 CFR Part 26. Nonetheless, an individual certified as holding an active "Q" or "L" clearance is subject to security and fitness for duty training requirements and alcohol and drug testing prior to badging.

Questions regarding TVA's implementation of the access authorization rule may be directed to R. H. Shell at (615) 751-2474.

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