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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of)	Docket Nos. 50-259	50-518
Tennessee Valley Authority)	50-260	50-519
)	50-296	50-520
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NRC BULLETIN NO. 87-02, SUPPLEMENTS 1 AND 2: FASTENER TESTING TO DETERMINE CONFORMANCE WITH APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS

TVA's Nuclear Materials and Contracts staff has completed a preliminary evaluation of the requirements for the subject bulletin. The results of the evaluation identify major problems with the scope and record requirements of the bulletin.

The 10-year timeframe for action item 1, involving safety-related fasteners, includes 17 reactors that were operating or under construction at the beginning of the 10-year period. Currently, eight units have been cancelled. Providing the requirements for action item 1, if it includes all 17 reactors, represents an extremely large quantity of records and will require a lengthy extension to the original reporting timeframe. Even if the scope is reduced to the nine units currently operating or under construction, a substantial reporting time extension will be required to provide all of the information currently required by the subject bulletin.

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Providing traceability and documentation requirements for action item 2, involving nonsafety-related fasteners, is extremely difficult and in many cases impossible. The fasteners are purchased on large contracts for all TVA facilities and transferred freely between them. These facilities include fossil and hydro plants, power construction, the National Fertilizer Development Center, the power service shops which repair some nuclear plant equipment, all TVA buildings, and miscellaneous facilities. Many of the nonsafety-related fasteners are acquired through the General Services Administration (GSA) because TVA is a Federal agency. Since TVA has no record of the GSA procurements, traceability of these fasteners is virtually impossible.

TVA has discussed the subject bulletin with Arizona Public Service and it is our understanding that a number of utilities have requested clarification on this bulletin. We are requesting that TVA be provided all clarification of the subject bulletin in order to provide the necessary information. TVA is also requesting an extension to January 30, 1989, in order to provide a proper response. If you have any questions concerning the request, please telephone Bill Miller at (615) 751-4948.

Very truly yours,

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