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TVA NUCLEAR QUALITY ASSURANCE (NQA) PLAN (TVA-NQA-PLN89-A) UPDATE - REVISION 7

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3) and 10 CFR 50.55(f)(3), changes to the QA program must be periodically submitted to the NRC. Enclosure 1 is an update of the TVA NQA Plan which incorporates pertinent information from the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) Units 1, 2, and 3, and Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN) Units 1 and 2, Technical Specifications (TSs), Chapter 6.0, Administrative Controls. The relocation of this information to the NQA Plan is consistent with NRC Administrative Letter 95-06. Corresponding changes to the BFN and SQN TSs have been submitted to the NRC as TS Amendments BFN TS 372 and SQN TS 95-19 under separate cover. Enclosure 2 provides a cross-reference of the changes made from Revision 6 to Revision 7 of the NQA Plan and provides appropriate justifications.

Four of the changes are identified as reductions in current BFN and SQN TS commitments. However, these changes are consistent with the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN) TS and NQA Plan Revision 6 that were previously accepted by the NRC. These four changes are briefly described below:

- A. NQA Plan Section 4.1.3.B.5.b.1 - Changed Nuclear Safety Review Board (NSRB) review of safety evaluations to an NSRB review of the 10 CFR 50.59 Safety Evaluation Program and screening review of safety evaluations. (BFN and SQN TS 6.5.2.7.a)
- B. NQA Plan Section 4.1.3.B.5.b - Deleted NSRB review of reports and meeting minutes of the Plant Operations Review Committee. (BFN and SQN TS 6.5.2.7.i)

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- C. NQA Plan Section 4.1.3.B.5.c - Changed the timeframe for forwarding NSRB reports to management from "14 days" to "30 days." (BFN and SQN TS 6.5.2.10.b)
- D. NQA Plan Section 4.1.3.C.7.b.16 - Deleted composition of Independent Safety Engineering. (SQN TS 6.2.3.2)

Revision 7 also removes the Security Program from review responsibility of WBN Plant Operations Review Committee (NQA Plan Section 9.9.2.B.7.a.3). This change is also considered a reduction in commitment. Regulatory requirements for independent review of the Security Program are addressed in the WBN Physical Security Plan.

In addition, Revision 7 changes the requirement from annual to biennial for assessment of TVA Nuclear Corporate QA organizations' performance by an organization external to the QA organizations (NQA Plan Section 3.3.3). This change is also considered a reduction in commitment, but is consistent with the audit frequencies described in Section 12.2.E, "Internal Audits."

Revision 7 of the NQA Plan is scheduled to be implemented subsequent to NRC's acceptance or 60 days after submittal of this update to the NRC, whichever occurs first. If you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance, please contact me at (423) 751-4832.

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