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MEMORANDUM FOR: James G. Keppler, Director
Office of Special Projects

FROM: Victor Stello, Jr.
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE OFFICE OF
SPECIAL PROJECTS

Effective February 9, 1987, the Office of Special Projects was established. That office is to efficiently and aggressively: 1) assure the identification and resolution of those problems which gave rise to the shutdown of TVA's Sequoyah and Browns Ferry facilities, and of steps necessary to prevent their recurrence; and 2) evaluate TVA's Watts Bar and Bellefonte and Texas Utilities' Comanche Peak facilities in order to determine compliance with the Commission's regulatory requirements; to assess whether identified problems are on a path to an acceptable solution, and where not, to identify acceptable solutions necessary to enable the staff to complete its licensing reviews of these facilities, consistent with the NRC's statutory mandate to protect the health and safety of the public.

To carry out these functions, the Office of Special Projects is hereby delegated the authority to:

Take all actions, except as enumerated below, associated with the licensing of the TVA facilities and the Comanche Peak facility, including determinations of compliance with or issuance of exemptions from the regulations. The Director, Office of Special Projects, is not delegated the authority to issue or revoke construction permits or operating licenses. That authority is retained by the EDO.

Perform all safety and environmental reviews and evaluations and issue associated safety evaluations, environmental assessments, environmental impact statements, and other related documentation necessary to support its advice and recommendations to the EDO regarding licensing decisions pertaining to the TVA and Comanche Peak facilities.

Conduct inspection activities related to the licensing of the TVA and Comanche Peak facilities.

Conduct enforcement activities including conduct of enforcement conferences, issuance of notices of violation pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201, and issuance of proposed civil penalties pursuant to 10 CFR 2.205 subject to the approval of the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, until April 12, 1987, and thereafter, the Deputy Executive Director for Regional Operations.

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Issue orders for the modification or suspension of licenses pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202 and 2.204. Enforcement orders are to be coordinated with the Deputy Executive Director for Regional Operations. Licensing orders are to be coordinated with the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Take appropriate action on requests by persons under 10 CFR 2.206 to modify, suspend, or revoke a license, or for such other action as may be proper.

Take necessary or appropriate action in accordance with the decision of an Administrative Law Judge, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Panel, or the Commission after hearings, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 2.

Serve as the principal point of contact for the NRC with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards for matters under review by OSP.

Develop procedures to assure the timely scheduling, review, and processing of all matters under review by the Office.

Administer oaths and affirmations, and issue subpoenas where necessary and appropriate pursuant to section 161c of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to enable the Director to conduct examination of matters within the functions and authorities of the Office of Special Projects.

Identify research needs required for the above programs.

Issue appropriate Federal Register notices in connection with the actions delegated herein, including notices which offer an opportunity for public hearing in connection with the action proposed to be taken, whether or not required by statute or the Commission's regulations.

Supervise, direct, coordinate, and approve the activities, including administrative functions, of the various organizational units within the Office.

Perform such other functions as may be assigned.

Redelegation:

The Director may, except where expressly prohibited, redelegate to others the authority delegated to the Director by this or other official directives or communications, subject to the limitations stated herein and to such other stipulations as the Director may deem necessary.

Such redelegation must be made in writing and a copy filed with the Executive Director for Operations, SECY, OGC, RM, and ADM.

The Director may stipulate any limitations on further redelegations of authority which the Director redelegates.

To the extent that this delegation is inconsistent with my February 10, 1987, memorandum establishing the Office of Special Projects, this delegation supersedes that memorandum.

Original signed by
Victor Stello

Victor Stello, Jr.
Executive Director for Operations

cc: Office Directors
Regional Administrators

James G. Keppler

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Hudson:

This is what we agreed
to last week. Please confirm
and take down to Rehm.
If you have any problems or
questions, please call me on
X27761. Thanks Jane