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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of the)
Tennessee Valley Authority)

Docket Nos. 50-259 ✓
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BROWNS FERRY, SEQUOYAH, AND WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANTS - GENERIC LETTER 83-28,
ITEM 2-1 (PART 2)

Please refer to letters from B. J. Youngblood to S. A. White dated October 20,
1986 and January 28, 1987, and from M. Grotenhuis to S. A. White dated
November 7, 1986.

As requested by the referenced letters, enclosed is additional information
regarding Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.1 (Part 2).

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY



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Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REGARDING GENERIC LETTER 83-28, ITEM 2.1 (PART 2)

NRC Conclusions

- a. A vendor interface exists with the NSSS vendor but no description of how it functions is presented.
- b. No information is presented that would indicate that the NSSS vendor interface program will continue throughout plant life.
- c. The TVA submittals state that the NSSS vendors supply information but does not indicate that periodic contact is initiated and maintained which assures that all applicable information is received.
- d. No information is presented regarding positive feedback means with the vendor to assure TVA receipt of mailed vendor technical information.

TVA Response

TVA's original responses in November 1983, to Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.1 (Part 2) gave a description of the TVA Operating Experience Review (OER) Program. That program has been recently updated and renamed to be the Nuclear Experience Review (NER) Program. The major elements of the experience review program described in TVA's initial responses remain valid. Specifically, the corporate manager of NER still distributes the information to the appropriate organization within TVA to determine applicability and safety significance. The NER program still requires that this information is tracked and that working files are maintained of the disposition of each technical bulletin and Service Information Letter (SIL).

The TVA NER program is described in TVA Office of Nuclear Power Program Manual Procedure (PMP) 0601.01, "Nuclear Experience Review." This program ensures that there will be an ongoing interface with the NSSS suppliers for Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (General Electric), Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (Westinghouse), and Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (Westinghouse) throughout each plant's life. The program is committed to ensuring that technical information from these vendors is reviewed and, if applicable, incorporated or referenced in each plant design and/or procedures. Westinghouse transmits important NSSS information to TVA by way of technical bulletins. General Electric provides such NSSS information by way of SILs. These are received at TVA and processed by the manager of NER.

TVA acknowledges receipt of these documents by returning a receipt acknowledgment to the appropriate NSSS vendor. In addition to the fact that technical bulletins and SILs are numbered sequentially, Westinghouse periodically sends current lists of documents which have been recently transmitted, and General Electric sends SIL status reports twice yearly. If technical information is received with document numbers out of sequence, the manager of NER explores the reason and takes appropriate steps to obtain any relevant missing information.