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Gentlemen:

INTEGRATION OF ENGINEERING ASSURANCE (EA) INTO NUCLEAR QUALITY ASSURANCE (NQA)
AND NUCLEAR ENGINEERING (NE)

By letter to the NRC dated November 9, 1990, TVA informed you that the results of the Nuclear Manager's Review Group (NMRG) one-year review of the integration of EA into NQA and NE would be submitted at this time. Enclosed is the one-year assessment report and the action plan to address the findings and observations identified by the NMRG.

TVA committed to use three Performance Indicators (PIs) to monitor the impact of changes related to the integration of EA functions into NQA and NE. The PIs provided oversight data over and above that provided by routine ongoing NQA audits, monitors, external reviews, and day-to-day contact between engineering and NQA. Following the completion of their three-part review covering the EA transition, NMRG concluded that the quantity, quality, and scope of engineering product oversight was continuing at or above that previously provided by EA. NMRG further concluded that NE and NQA managements' assessment, which indicated that engineering products were adequate and/or improving, was sound.

TVA has completed its commitments on the integration of EA into NQA and NE and, based on the above assessment, PIs will no longer be used to specifically monitor the subject organizational change. If there are any questions, you may telephone R. H. Shell at (615) 751-2474.

Very truly yours,

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