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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
ATTN: James P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

REPORT NOS: 50-259, -260, -296/83-04; 50-327, -328/83-04;
50-390/83-07, 50-391/83-06; AND 50-438, -439/83-06

As requested in R. C. Lewis' April 13, 1983 letter to H. G. Parris, we have the following comments regarding your Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) which was the subject of our April 21, 1983 meeting in Chattanooga.

1. Section II, Summary of Results, Part A - Overall Utility Evaluation (page 2) includes the following statement:

"The licensee has recently established the Office of Quality Assurance in an effort to improve this area. All quality assurance functions report to this office. Previously, they reported to the separate organizational divisions of Design, Construction, and Power."

This statement, and others within the report, imply that all TVA quality assurance functions now report to the Office of Quality Assurance. Organizational units at all levels within TVA are responsible for the performance of their assigned quality achieving and assuring activities. While the Office of Quality Assurance is responsible for establishing and ensuring effective execution of the TVA Quality Assurance Program, the NRC should recognize that all quality assurance functions do not report directly to OQA.

We propose that the statement be reworded to say:

"The licensee has recently established the Office of Quality Assurance in an effort to improve this area. This office is responsible for establishing and ensuring effective execution of the TVA Quality Assurance Program."

2. Although we recognize opportunity for improvement in the quality assurance functional area, we believe the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant rating should have been Category 2 based on the five identified violations and recognized prompt and effective corrective action taken to correct deficiencies in general employee training.

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3. Section IV of SALP II, Performance Analysis for Browns Ferry units 1, 2, and 3, page 31, item 10.c, states, "Performance, which was evaluated as Category 2 during the previous SALP assessment, has declined during this review period." The SALP I report included the following functional areas and associated category ratings:

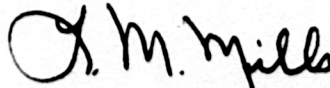
Personnel, training, and plant procedures - Category 3
Audits, review and committee activities - Category 3
Administrative, QA, and records - Category 2
Corrective action and reporting - Category 3

SALP II incorporates these four functional areas into a functional area designated Quality Assurance program for which a Category 3 rating was issued for the SALP II period.

If you have any questions, please call Jim Domer at FTS 858-2725.

Very truly yours,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEAL BOARD

In the Matter of

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY, ET AL.)

(Three Mile Island Nuclear Station,)
Unit No. 1)

Docket No. 50-289
(Restart)

NRC STAFF'S ANSWER TO AAMODT MOTIONS FOR PROVISION
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