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Mr. C. W. Dean, Jr.  
Chairman  
Board of Directors  
Tennessee Valley Authority  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Dear Mr. Dean:

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Thank you for your letter of July 18, 1985, which discusses the principles and priorities the TVA Board has established to improve performance in the TVA nuclear program. Your letter was in response to my letter of July 3, 1985, which expressed NRC concern with TVA's record of poor performance and provided supporting details.

As discussed in our meeting on July 16, 1985, I understand you will further provide a more detailed discussion of your proposed resolution of the problems identified in the attachment to my July 3 letter. I would appreciate you informing me when I can expect to receive this detailed discussion or parts of it. Further, this discussion should include your best estimate for completing specific actions, whether applicable to individual plants or to the TVA nuclear system.

I am pleased to note the involvement of the TVA Board in nuclear performance problems. I trust it will continue in order to achieve the level of performance in which, as pledged in your letter, both TVA and NRC could take pride.

Sincerely,

William J. Dircks  
Executive Director for Operations

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