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Dr. Harry G. Moore, Jr. Acting Director of Environmental Compliance Tennessee Valley Authority 268 401 Building Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401

Re: Bellefonte Nuclear Plant NPDES Nos. AL0024635 and AL0024309

Dear Dr. Moore:

☆ U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1978 - 746-732/1304

On March 26, 1979, TVA was notified that NPDES permit No. AL0024635 will expire this year and that reapplication is due 180 days prior to expiration. This permit will expire on November 12, 1979; however, no application has yet been received.

Previous discussions with TVA staff have indicated that it is EPA Region IV Policy to issue power plant permits which include limitations and requirements for construction, preoperational and operational wastes and not just construction wastes. This policy was established to provide effluent limitations and allow design and construction of adequate waste treatment facilities by the time the facility is operational to minimize problems such as have been encountered at Browns Ferry, Watts Bar and Sequoyah. In accordance with these conversations, TVA notified Mr. Charles H. Kaplan of this office by letter of February 16, 1978, that supplementary information (both thermal and nonthermal) to complete the NPDES permit would be submitted by May 1, 1978. This data was not provided and as a result, EPA issued a one-year permit for the referenced facility on October 12, 1978, to allow TVA to develop necessary information while protecting against a charge of discharging without a permit.

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It is therefore requested that you notify this office not later than June 1, 1979 as to when a complete application for the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant can be expected.

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Sincerely yours,

Leven L. Harlow

George L. Harlow Chief Water Enforcement Branch

cc: Mr. James W. Warr Alabama Water Enforcement Commission

> Ms. Susie Keblusek Nuclear Regulatory Commission