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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON
DEFICIENCY 50-438, 439/80-07-02 - FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROMPT NOTIFICATION

This is response to C. E. Murphy's letter dated June 6, 1980,
RII:EHG 50-438/80-07, 50-439/80-07, concerning activities at the
Bellefonte Nuclear Plant which appeared to have been in violation
of NRC regulations. A response to this deficiency was submitted
on June 30, 1980. Enclosed is supplemental information on our response
to the deficiency. This information was discussed with C. E. Murphy
of your staff on July 9, 1980.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch
with D. L. Lambert at FTS 857-2581.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
ON DEFICIENCY 50-438/80-07-02 AND 50-439/80-07-02

In telecons with C. E. Murphy and F. S. Cantrell during the week of July 7, 1980, TVA clarified its position stated in L. M. Mills' letter to J. P. O'Reilly dated June 30, 1980. In the referenced letter on the deficiency, it was stated that TVA was in compliance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.55(e) on 24-hour reporting of significant nonconformances (NCR's). This statement was made since the determination on reportability was made within 24 hours upon receipt in the Knoxville offices of the significant NCR. TVA's clarification agreed that the failure to promptly identify and document significant NCR's and determine reportability under 10 CFR 50.55(e) is an item of noncompliance. As stated in the report, TVA is investigating the time between discovery of a potential concern and the issue of an NCR. Discussions with the appropriate TVA employees on timely reporting have been planned, to be followed up with written documentation.