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Docket No. 50-438/439 ✓

Tennessee Valley Authority
ATTN: Mr. James E. Watson
Manager of Power
818 Power Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401

REF: REACTOR COOLANT PUMP SEAL COOLING DESIGN DEFICIENCY

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated March 24, 1976 pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(e) regarding the above item. We are looking forward to receipt of your final report on this matter.

Please refer to Control No. HO 1239 F2 in future correspondence in reference to this item.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
D. Thompson ✓

Dudley Thompson
Acting Director
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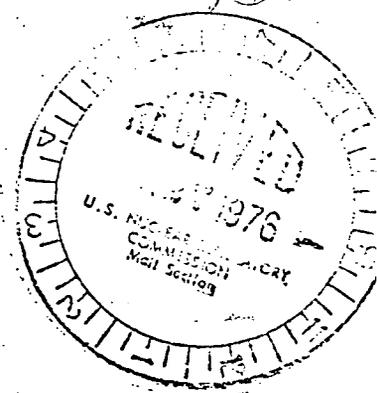
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March 24, 1976



Mr. John G. Davis, Acting Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
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Dear Mr. Davis:

BELLEFONTIE NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 - REPORTABLE DEFICIENCY
10 CFR 50.55(e) - REACTOR COOLANT PUMP SEAL COOLING DESIGN -
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The initial report of the subject deficiency was made to
Inspector L. E. Foster, NRC-OIE, Region II on February 23,
1976. In compliance with paragraph 50.55(e) of 10 CFR
Part 50, this is being submitted as an interim report. Our
investigation relative to this deficiency is still in process
and several alternative solutions are being studied. We
expect to submit our next written report by July 21, 1976.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. E. Gilleland".

J. E. Gilleland
Assistant Manager of Power

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