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Division of Site Safety and
Environmental Analysis
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

Re: Environmental Report Operation License Stage for
Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Jackson
County, Alabama

We have reviewed the subject statement prepared by the Tennessee
Valley Authority concerning the operating stage of the Bellefonte
Nuclear Plant.

Coal and stone are the only commodities produced in Jackson County,
and according to U.S. Bureau of Mines' Mineral Industry Location
System (MILS) data, neither commodity is produced in the project area.
The annual requirement for each reactor unit will be 200 tons of
natural uranium. The plant will provide power which may be of benefit
to the mineral industry.

We believe the statement is adequate as the project should have little
effect on the mineral recovery potential of the area.

Sincerely yours,

William Cochran, for
Robert D. Thomson, Chief
Eastern Field Operations Center

cc: Chief, TVA, Chattanooga, TN

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