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SUBJECT: Informs of decision to temporarily suspend collection of onsite meteorological data, due to assessment of data requirements & need to eliminate costs from facility budget. Data collection to be resumed 1 yr before Unit 1 fuel load.

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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Ms. E. Adensam, Chief
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Dear Ms. Adensam:

In the Matter of the Application of) Docket Nos. 50-438
Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-439

Recently TVA requested an extension of the construction permit completion dates specified in the construction permits for the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant (see my December 2, 1983 letter to H. R. Denton). The delay in the fuel loading of unit 1 at Bellefonte from May 1985 to October 1987 has prompted TVA's decision to temporarily suspend collection of onsite meteorological data. This decision was based on a TVA assessment of data requirements and the need to eliminate unnecessary costs from the Bellefonte budget.

TVA initiated its permanent onsite meteorological facility operation in the fall of 1975 and has obtained, since then, what TVA believes to be an adequate preoperational data base.

The operational requirements for Bellefonte include onsite meteorological data for both routine operation and the radiological emergency preparedness (REP) program. The REP is to be implemented about six months before unit 1 fuel load. In order for TVA to make sure that meteorological data collection and associated communications systems and linkages for the REP are operating satisfactorily, we plan to resume meteorological data collection activities at Bellefonte at least one year before unit 1 fuel load.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch with Bill Watters at FTS 858-2691.

Very truly yours;

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

L. M. Mills, Manager
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Sworn to and subscribed before me
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