Docket Nos. 50-259/**1**60/296

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SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT-SEISMIC ISSUES (IEB 79-02 and 79-14 AND

ARTIFICAL TIME HISTORY) (TAC NOS. RO0015, R00016, R00017 and R00158,

R00159, R00161)

By letters dated April 8 and May 26, 1987, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) requested NRC review and approval of certain positions regarding seismic design issues at Browns Ferry. The OSP staff is currently reviewing your proposed actions and schedules to comply with Inspection and Enforcement Bulletins (JEB) 79-02 and 79-14 and the proposed use of Artifical Time History. In recent discussions between TVA and the OSP staff, the following short term actions were agreed upon:

- OSP decision on the acceptability of the proposed use of Artifical Time History will be provided to TVA by February 26, 1988.
- The OSP staff will review IEB 79-02 and 79-14 proposed TVA operability criteria (Attachment A) by February 26, 1988.
- The OSP staff will review the proposed long-term IEB 79-02/79-14 program for acceptability by February 26, 1988.

In order to continue progress in the resolution of these and other seismic design issues, frequent technical meetings are planned. Attachment B contains an outline of your 79-14/79-02 program and will be the subject of future technical meetings.

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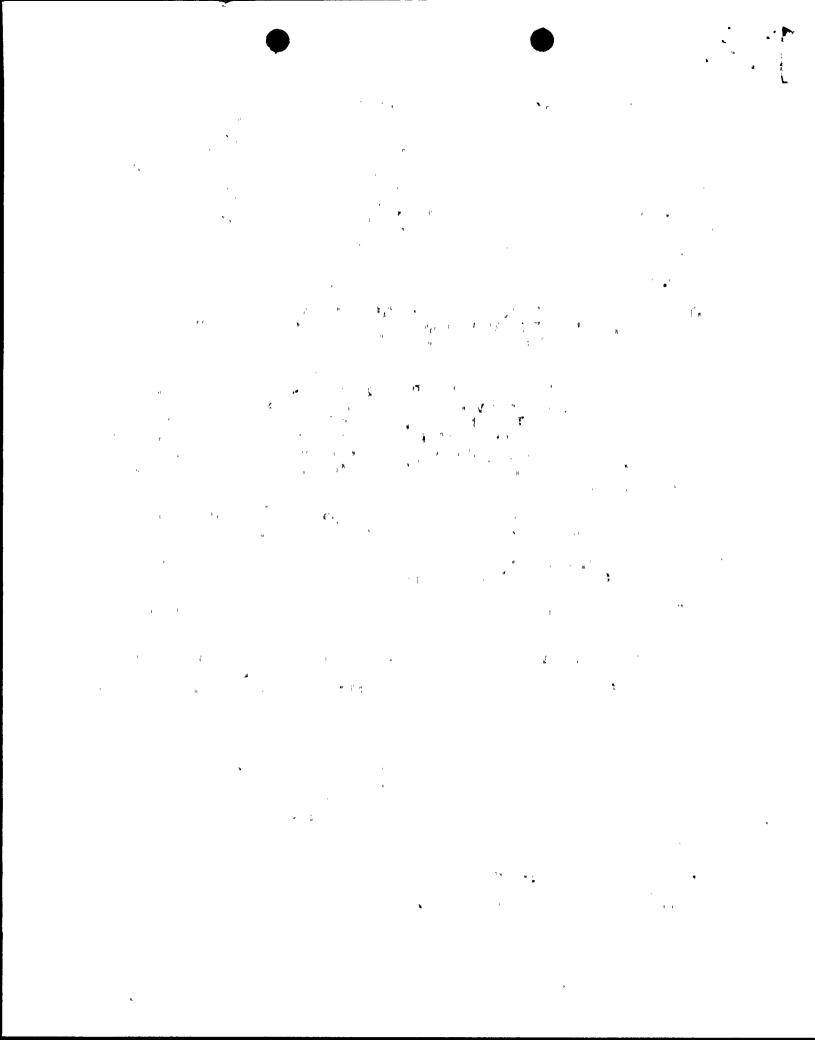
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