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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

August 21, 2019

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Markey:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of July 24, 2019, that expressed concerns about the adequacy of the safety culture at Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) nuclear power plants. Responses to your four questions are enclosed.

The NRC expects nuclear power plant licensees to establish and maintain a safety-conscious work environment in which employees are free and encouraged to raise safety concerns and where such concerns are promptly reviewed. Through inspections and other oversight activities, the NRC assesses the work environment and ability of employees to raise concerns at TVA.

Thank you for your interest in these matters. If you have any additional questions or need more information, please contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KLS", written over a white background.

Kristine L. Svinicki

Enclosure:  
As stated