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Docket 40-8681

Mr. Richard Cunningham, Director
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555



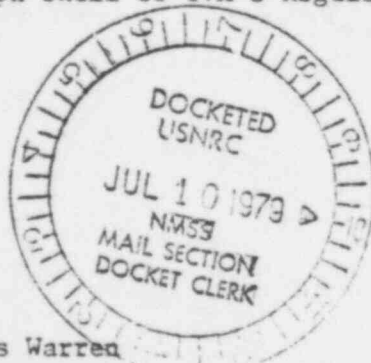
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Dear Mr. Cunningham:

By letter dated February 26, 1979, TVA transmitted its conceptual decommissioning plan and supporting environmental report for the Edgemont Uranium Mill located in Edgemont, South Dakota.

TVA, as a Federal agency, will be assessing the impact of this action in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). After conversations with members of your staff, it is our understanding that the NRC will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the decommissioning. The new NEPA implementation directives issued by the Council on Environmental Quality provide for preparation of an environmental statement by a lead agency where two Federal agencies are involved in the same action. Because the decommissioning activity at Edgemont is primarily aimed at the reduction of radiological impacts, we believe that the NRC should be the lead agency in preparing an EIS. We therefore request that TVA be designated a cooperating agency in its preparation.

In order for TVA to complete its plans for NEPA review of this action and to avoid unnecessary delay, we would appreciate your response to this request by July 16, 1979. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please call Ralph Shell of TVA's Regulatory Staff at FTS 854-3331 in Chattanooga.



Very truly yours,

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