

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. Thomas A. Ippolito, Chief
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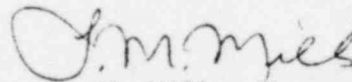
Dear Mr. Ippolito:

In the Matter of the)	Docket Nos. 50-259
Tennessee Valley Authority)	50-260
		50-296

By letter from D. Eisenhut to All Power Reactor Licensees dated June 4, 1979, we were provided a copy of NUREG/CR 0660 entitled "Enhancement of Onsite Emergency Diesel Generator Reliability" and were encouraged to provide comments. In response, we have reviewed the report and are providing the enclosed comments.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY



L. M. Mills, Manager
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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Fred Clemenson (Enclosure)
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ENCLOSURE

TVA COMMENTS REGARDING NUREC/CR 0660
"ENHANCEMENT OF ONSITE EMERGENCY DIESEL
GENERATOR RELIABILITY"

1. We do not agree that refrigerated starting air dryers should be installed on the starting air systems for the following reasons.
 - A. The ambient air temperature range is greater than that for which the dryers are normally designed.
 - B. The dryers must run continuously to provide dry air when it is needed which in turn causes the dryers to have problems because of freezing.
2. We recognize that no- and light-load operation is a problem, but because of the application there are conditions when no- or light-load operations is mandatory. We procedurally reduce the no- and light-load operation to a minimum when possible.