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Tennessee Valley Authority
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Gentlemen:

This letter will acknowledge receipt of the response from L. M. Mills, Manager, Nuclear Regulation and Safety, dated January 28, 1980, and the telephone discussion between R. L. Woodruff of this office and your J. Domer on February 5, 1980.

Our records show that the Browns Ferry shipment in question was documented as TV-905371, 9/4/79, with arrival on Tri-State Motor Vehicle 440656 at the Barnwell site on September 11, 1979 and consisted of one hundred and sixty 55-gallon drums of LSA radioactive waste. A U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) representative was present with the NRC inspector and confirmed that the drums were improperly blocked or braced. DOT/MCS-63 Form No. 143478 was prepared by the DOT representative with note that the trailer was full to the rear doors. Our records have been confirmed with the State of South Carolina "on-site" inspector's log book.

The NRC did not issue a "Notice of Violation" because in this instance, the matter was referred to the DOT representative. Our letter of October 30, 1979 was sent to you for information relative to our inspection activities and findings at the Barnwell disposal site, and no written response was required.

Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact R. L. Woodruff at FTS 242-5609.

Sincerely,

J. Philip Stohr, Chief Fuel Facility and Materials

Safety Branch

cc: (See page 2)

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