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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Gentlemen:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has been evaluating the generic implications of the fire of March 22, 1975 at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant to identify appropriate improvements in NRC policies, procedures, and requirements in regard to fire protection. In February 1976, NRC published the report of a special review group, "Recommendations Related to Browns Ferry Fire," NUREG-0050. As part of the continuing NRC evaluation, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation is issuing a revision (dated May 1, 1976) to Section 9.5.1 "Fire Protection" of the Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants (NUREG-75/987). This revised plan will be used by the NRC staff in evaluating the acceptability of designs and procedures for fire protection for construction permit applications docketed after July 1, 1976. A copy is enclosed for your information and guidance.

To the extent reasonable and practicable, the guidelines provided in the revised SRP-9.5.1 also will be used by the staff in evaluating the fire protection provisions of operating plants, applications currently under review for construction permits and operating licenses, and future applications for operating licenses for plants now under construction. As we continue to develop more definitive criteria for the application of the SRP-9.5.1 guidelines, or acceptable alternatives, to the review of these plants you will be kept informed of our progress.

Sincerely,

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