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Tennessee Valley Authority
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by J. L. Coley of this office on November 17-20, 1980 of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit No. CPPR-162 for the Phipps Bend Nuclear Plant facility, and to the discussion of our findings held with W. P. Kelleghan at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection and our findings are discussed in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, no items of noncompliance were disclosed.

One new unresolved item resulted from this inspection and is discussed in the enclosed report. This item will be examined during subsequent inspections.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractor) believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must include a full statement of the reasons on the basis of which it is claimed that the information is proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in a separate part of the document. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

C. E. Murphy

C. E. Murphy, Chief
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Enclosure: Inspection Report No.
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