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Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to provide comments on your "Preliminary Comments and Evaluation - TVA Edgemont Decommissioning Plan Environmental Statement" dated September 10, 1980, and to discuss subsequent work under Contract No. NRC-02-80-077.

As I indicated in our phone conversation on 10/6/80, the only ORNL comments on your report are of an editorial rather than a technical nature. Therefore, you can proceed on the draft report (due 10/15/80) with the understanding that the changes you recommended will be made to the portions of the EIS text for which ORNL is responsible. Accordingly, your draft report should contain sections on the tailings management evaluation, recommended license conditions, and unresolved questions, that is, it should contain sections similar to Part II, Enclosure 2 and Enclosure 3, respectively, of your September 10, 1980 report, but as modified to take into account additional information provided by TVA in Revision 5 of the ER, dated September 19, 1980.

Because of the lack of comment by ORNL on your September 10, 1980 report, the GEI effort in preparing the draft report should be less than earlier anticipated. As I indicated in our phone conversation on October 6, 1980, it would be very helpful if this will enable GEI to prepare the draft report ahead of the scheduled delivery date of 10/15/80.

Sincerely,

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