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Gentlemen:

Subject: 50-327, 50-328, 50-259, 50-260 and 50-296

This responds to your letter of June 10, 1982, to Mr. Harold Denton, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, regarding TVA plans for conducting full-scale and small-scale emergency exercises.

Your letter cited the 10 CFR 50, Appendix E requirements for exercises (IV.F.1.a and IV.F.3), and stated that "in accordance with the above regulations, TVA plans to conduct a full-scale exercise once every five years for each nuclear plant which will involve the State and local governments in the plume exposure pathway." Contrary to that statement, this would not be in compliance with 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, IV.F.1., which requires that "a full-scale exercise which tests as much of the licensee, State, and local emergency plans as is reasonably achievable...be conducted...for each site...at a frequency which will enable each State and local government within the plume EPZ to participate in at least one full-scale exercise per year...."

In accordance with this stated requirement, the NRC obviously expects the licensee, State, and local government to fully exercise the emergency plans annually. The purpose and intent of the "small-scale exercise" was to recognize that many States (and some counties) would be involved with more than one reactor site, and to avoid requiring states to participate in more than one full exercise per year. This subject is also discussed in the statements which preceded the final rule on emergency planning (see FR 55408, August 19, 1980).

Consequently, TVA should amend its emergency exercise plans and schedules to reflect the information provided above. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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