

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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December 24, 1980

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. Thomas A. Ippolito, Chief
Branch No. 3
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

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Dear Mr. Ippolito:

In the Matter of the) Docket Nos. 50-259
Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-260
50-296

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) submitted, by letter, to you on July 11, 1979, a request to establish concurrent cycles for ASME Section XI inservice inspections and tests at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. That request proposed to establish a commencement date of January 1, 1980, for the second 40-month inspection cycle for all three units. The concurrent cycle-start date of January 1, 1980, was proposed because it involved approximately equal and opposite shifts in time for the start dates of units 1 and 3 and a negligible shift in time for unit 2. The original start dates for the second 40-month cycle were based on ending dates for the first 40-month cycle. Ending dates for the first 40-month cycle were based on criteria from the 1974 Edition of Section XI (IWA-2400). However, units 1 and 2 inspection requirements for the first 40-month cycle were based on the 1971 Edition of Section XI. First cycle ending dates for units 1 and 2 should be based on the 1971 Edition of Section XI (IS-241).

Based on the requirements of the 1971 Edition of Section XI and the fire restoration outage, the date for commencement of the second 40-month cycles for units 1, 2, and 3 should have been December 1, 1979, July 1, 1980, and

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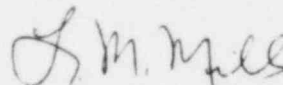
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July 1, 1980, respectively. Therefore, instead of a January 1, 1980, date as previously proposed in our July 1979 letter, we request a concurrent cycle start-date of July 1, 1980, for units 1, 2, and 3 at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY



L. M. Mills, Manager
Nuclear Regulation and Safety

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 24th day of Dec. 1980.

Paulette H. White
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 9-5-84