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July 26, 1982

Tennessee Valley Authority
ATTN: Mr. H. G. Parris
Manager of Power
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Chattanooga, TN 37401

Gentlemen:

Subject: Report Nos. 50-438/82-18 and 50-439/82-18

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. J. W. York of this office on June 8-11, 1982 of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit Nos. CPPR-122 and CPPR-123 for the Bellefonte facility. Our preliminary findings were discussed with Mr. W. R. Dahnke 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.

During the inspection, it was found that certain activities under your license appear to violate NRC requirements. This item and references to pertinent requirements are listed in the Notice of Violation enclosed herewith as Appendix A. Elements to be included in your response are delineated in Appendix A.

The violation described in Appendix A is similar to the violation contained in the Notice of Violation sent to you with our letter dated December 29, 1981. "Similar violations", as described in the NRC Enforcement Policy, are subject to escalated enforcement action. Accordingly, in your response to the enclosed Notice, please give particular attention to the identification and remedy of the root cause of the violation so that its further occurrence may be precluded. The importance of this matter was called to your attention in a telephone conversation between F. J. Long, Acting Chief, Reactor Projects Branch 1, USNRC, Region II, and L. M. Mills, Manager, Nuclear Regulation and Safety, TVA, on July 2, 1982.

We have examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified enforcement matters. These are discussed in the enclosed inspection report.

Two new unresolved items are identified in the enclosed inspection report. These items will be examined during subsequent inspections.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1).

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosures are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

(Original signed by D. M. Verrelli)
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Division of Project and
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Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Report Nos. 50-438/82-18
and 50-439/82-18

cc w/encl:

- H. J. Green, Director of Nuclear Power
- A. M. Qualls, Plant Superintendent
- W. R. Dahnke, Project Manager
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