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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket Nos. 50-327  
and 50-328

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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

SUBJECT: INSERVICE PRESSURE TEST PROGRAM (TAC NOS. 72017/72018) - SEQUOYAH  
NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

By letter dated January 31, 1989, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) submitted Revision 4 of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Section XI (the Code) Inservice Pressure Test (ISPT) Program with one request for relief (ISPT-1) from certain inservice system pressure test requirements for review. The program and its associated request for relief were submitted to the NRC by TVA letters dated August 18, 1983, March 10, 1986, September 3, 1987, January 11, 1988, and January 31, 1989. The Code of record for Sequoyah is the 1977 Edition, Summer 1978 Addenda.

In the letter dated December 26, 1989, the staff issued its evaluation of the ISPT Program and its relief request, and concluded that the relief request and the program are acceptable with one exception. The exception concerned the use of portions of a later revision of the Code without using the entire articles. In a letter dated April 5, 1990, TVA provided additional information addressing the use of portions of the later Code, the 1980 Edition, Winter 1981 Addenda.

The staff has reviewed the additional information provided by TVA and concluded that the use of portions of the later Code by TVA in the ISPT Program is acceptable. This is not granting relief from the Code of record because these portions of the later code only clarify the Code of record, and do not provide alternative requirements to those in the Code of record. Our safety evaluation is enclosed.

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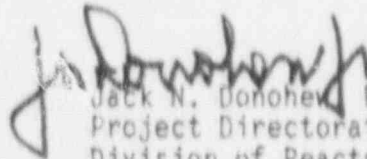
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Any additional program changes, such as revisions or additional requests for relief, should be submitted for staff review and should not be implemented prior to approval by the staff.

Sincerely,



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