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In the Matter of
United States Department of Energy
Project Management Corporation
Tennessee Valley Authority
(Clinch River Breeder Reactor Plant)
Docket No. 50-537

Dear Administrative Judges:

The Staff has completed its environmental assessment of new and updated information acquired by it since the CRBR FES was issued in 1977. The Staff has determined that the documents should be issued as a draft supplement to the FES and that, accordingly, recirculation of it for public comment is mandated. Photocopies of the Draft Supplement are attached to the copies of this letter which are being sent to the Board members and parties to this proceeding. Printed copies should be available in about a week, and at that time a copy of that final document will be sent to each person on the service list for this proceeding.

In light of the fact that this document has been determined to be a supplement which must then be circulated as a draft, the Staff is precluded from presenting its position on matters addressed by the document until the public comments are received and a final supplement is available. (See 10 C.F.R. § 51.52(a). However, there is no similar prohibition against other parties going forward with their presentations on environmental matters nor with any party going forward with its presentations on matters relating to the suitability of the site at the scheduled August hearing. The Staff will confer with other parties informally in an attempt to reach an agreement as to how the parties should proceed.

Also enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the ACRS to Chairman Palladino in which the ACRS documents its review of the Staff's revised Site Suitability Report for CRBR. The ACRS concluded that the proposed CRBR site is suitable for a plant of the general size and type as the proposed CRBR.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
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