

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37401  
400 Chestnut Street Tower II

March 22, 1983

Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

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

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our understanding of the Appendix R evaluation criteria for Browns Ferry in the following areas that are acceptable to NRC based on a telephone conversation with Tom Wambach of your staff on March 18, 1983.

1. Availability of Offsite Power

The loss of offsite power is a consequence of the fire under consideration. Therefore, offsite power can be considered available if it can be shown that the fire under consideration will not cause the loss of offsite power.

2. Manual Operator Actions

Manual actions are permissible outside the control room (for valve manipulations, etc.) without time constraints if accessibility and staffing levels permit such actions.

3. Unit Trip

The unit(s) does not have to be considered tripped if it can be shown that the fire under consideration will not cause the unit(s) to trip.

It is our intent to review our Appendix R submittal to you dated June 30, 1982 utilizing the above criteria. Please inform my staff immediately if you do not agree with the above restatement of our March 18, 1983 telephone conversation.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

*L. M. Mills*  
L. M. Mills, Manager  
Nuclear Licensing

*A006*

8303250092 830322  
PDR ADOCK 05000259  
F PDR

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 22nd day of March 1983.

*Paulette D. White*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 9-5-84

cc: See page 2

Mr. Harold R. Denton

March 22, 1983

cc: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region II  
ATTN: James P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator  
101 Marietta Street, NW, Suite 2900  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Mr. R. J. Clark  
Browns Ferry Project Manager  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
7920 Norfolk Avenue  
Bethesda, Maryland 20814