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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Inspection and Enforcement Region II 101 Marietta Street, Suite 3100 Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY - SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 1 - DOCKET NO. 50-327 - FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-77 - SPECIAL REPORT 82

The enclosed special report provides information concerning a penetration fire barrier being non-functional for a period in excess of seven days. This report is submitted in accordance with Sequoyah unit 1 Technical Specifications 3.7.12 and 6.9.2.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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Director of Nuclear Power

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SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT

UNIT 1

Event Description and Probable Cause

The biological shield blocks have been removed from the unit 1 reactor building equipment hatch for the unit 1 refueling outage. This condition has been identified as a breach of a fire barrier penetration and will remain non-functional for the duration of the refueling outage.

Corrective Actions

Proper procedures for breaching fire barrier penetrations are being followed which include verification of fire detector operability and establishment of an hourly fire watch as required by the action statement of LCO 3.7.12.

The fire barrier will be restored at the completion of the refueling outage which is presently scheduled to be complete in late December 1982.