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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:

Enclosed for your information is a letter from Themis P. Speis (NRC) to Francis X. Gavigan (DOE) dated June 6, 1984.

As noted in the enclosure, the NRC Staff has determined that, subject to certain stated actions, the Applicants' proposed CRBR site redress plan is acceptable. Final approval of the plan is subject to Licensing Board action.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated

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June 6, 1984

Mr. Francis X. Gavigan
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Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Mr. Gavigan:

Your letter of March 5, 1984 provided the final CRBR site redress plan for our review and approval. The NRC staff has reviewed this plan, including as part of this review visits to the site on February 29, 1984 and April 24, 1984. Based upon this review the staff finds your proposed course of action environmentally acceptable. As part of implementing your plan the following actions should also be taken:

- 1) At the time final disposition of the site is determined (Spring 1985) the plans for the site should be reported to NRC along with its status at that time and the schedule for the final redress activities. If an alternate use for the site is found the redress plan should be revised as appropriate to reflect consideration of this alternate use and submitted to NRC.
- 2) In performing the redress activities the topsoil stockpiled during site clearing should be used as much as possible to facilitate the regrowth of vegetation. This is consistent with a previous commitment from the Department of Energy made pursuant to requesting an exemption which allowed early site preparation activities to begin (see letter G. L. Chipman, Jr. to NRC Commissioners, dated January 13, 1982, Pgs. 82-88 of the attachment).

As stated in your March 5, 1984 letter DOE is committed to meeting the existing conditions of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and State of Tennessee effluent limitations for runoff treatment and overall site erosion control prior to and during site redress activities. Compliance with these limitations will continue to be reported to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Tennessee. Per discussions between the NRC staff and United States Environmental Protection Agency staff compliance with effluent and erosion control limits will be subject to monitoring by the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region IV. Accordingly, NRC will rely on the United States Environmental Protection Agency in this regard.

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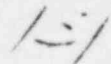
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As indicated in the site redress plan, if no alternate use for the site is found by Spring 1985 then implementation of the major redress activities will begin (refill nuclear island excavation, removal of specified concrete pads, batch plant, etc.). NRC Region II will monitor these redress activities to verify they are done in accordance with the plan.

In consideration of the proposed plan and the above stated actions the CRBR site redress plan is found to be acceptable. Final approval of the plan must await action by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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