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Region II  
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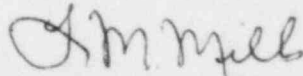
Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Enclosed is our response to D. M. Verrelli's June 7, 1984 letter to H. G. Parris transmitting Inspection Report Nos. 50-259/84-17, -260/84-17, -296/84-17 regarding activities at our Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant which appeared to have been in violation of NRC regulations. We have enclosed our response to the Notice of Violation. If you have any questions, please call Jim Domer at FTS 858-2725.

To the best of my knowledge, I declare the statements contained herein are complete and true.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY



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RESPONSE - NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS.  
50-259/84-17, 50-260/84-17, AND 50-296/84-17  
DAVID M. VERRELLI'S LETTER TO H. G. PARRIS  
DATED MAY 23, 1984

Technical Specification Section 6.3.A.10 requires written fire protection and prevention procedures to be prepared, approved and adhered to. TVA's Fire Prevention Procedure Standard Practice BF 14.19, Temporary Fire Loads, requires the control of temporary fire loads within critical areas of the plant to assure protection of safety-related equipment and to auxiliary equipment and facilities needed for generating capability. This procedure requires an evaluation to assure that temporary fire loads will not exceed the capability of the permanently installed fire protection systems. The evaluation is required to be completed and temporary fire load permit Form BF-35 is required to be completed and posted prior to the introduction of the temporary fire load.

Contrary to the above, a temporary fire load evaluation had not been made and Temporary Fire Load Permit Form BF-35 had not been posted for the combustible materials, packing items, and equipment located within Control Bay Room 458. This material presented an exposure fire hazard to shutdown board room and battery room No. 1A.

This is a Severity Level V violation (Supplement I).

1. Admission or Denial of the Alleged Violation

TVA admits a violation occurred with clarification as described in (2).

2. Reasons For the Violations if Admitted

A fire load evaluation had been performed by the Safety Section and the area had been approved for storage of the computer equipment in question. Plant personnel did deviate from the requirement of Standard Practice BF 14.19, "Temporary Fire Load", in that a BF-35 form was not posted. The form was not posted since the packing material represented a small combustion load.

3. Corrective Steps Which Have Been Taken and Results Achieved

Form BF-35 was posted immediately and daily fire load inspections will be performed until removal of the equipment packing material and combustibles.

All section supervisors have been reminded to fully comply with Standard Practice 14.19.

4. Corrective Steps Which Will Be Taken to Avoid Further Violations

Standard Practice 14.19 is being reviewed and is expected to be clarified regarding categorization of temporary fire loads and associated posting requirements.

5. Date When Full Compliance will be Achieved

Full compliance was achieved upon posting of the BF-35 form.