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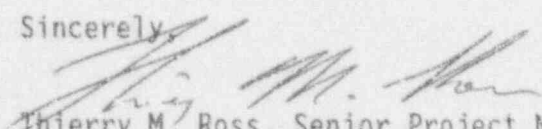
Dear Sir:

SUBJECT: INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM - BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT

In a letter dated June 22, 1989, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) provided the staff with detailed explanations of proposed revisions to its Inservice Testing (IST) program for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFNP), including the deletion of particular valves. By letter dated September 10, 1991, the staff transmitted its safety evaluation (SE) regarding TVA's proposed changes and request for relief from specific ASME Section XI code requirements. In its letter, the staff rejected TVA's proposal to delete certain valves (i.e., FSV-23-56, FCV-71-10 and 73-19, CKV-73-609, and LCV-71-5) from the BFNP IST program because TVA did not adequately describe their intended safety functions, if any.

TVA subsequently issued a letter dated December 4, 1991, that provided the staff with further information to demonstrate that the failure of these valves would not significantly impair the ability of associated safety systems to perform. The staff reviewed this letter and then held two conference calls (February 7 and 11, 1992) for additional clarification. As a consequence of its review efforts and discussions with TVA, the staff concluded that TVA's proposal to exclude the aforementioned valves from the BFNP IST program is acceptable.

Sincerely,


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