

April 26, 1996

Tennessee Valley Authority
ATTN: Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley, Jr.
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SUBJECT: ALLEGATION NO. RII-96-A-0036

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission recently received information concerning activities at your Sequoyah facility. A description of the concerns is enclosed.

As discussed via telephone on April 24, 1996, between Mr. M. Harding of your staff and Mr. M. Lesser of my staff, we request that you conduct inspections or investigations as necessary to reasonably prove or disprove these concerns and request that you inform us within 45 days of the date of this letter of the resolution of this matter and make records of your completed action available for NRC inspection.

NRC's review of your response will include whether: (a) the individual conducting the investigation was independent of the organization affected by the concern; (b) the evaluator was competent in the specific functional area; (c) the evaluation was of sufficient depth and scope; (d) appropriate root causes and generic implications were considered if the concerns were substantiated; and (e) the corrective actions, if necessary, were sufficient.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Oscar DeMiranda, Enforcement and Investigation Coordination Staff, at (404) 331-4193.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by Ellis W. Merschoff)

Ellis W. Merschoff, Director
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Enclosure: As stated

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