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MS 7024
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Dear Mr. Partlow:

In the Matter of)
Tennessee Valley Authority

Docket No. 50-260

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) UNIT 2 - MANAGEMENT SELF ASSESSMENT (MSA) OF
READINESS FOR RESTART

Since early 1986, TVA has taken significant steps to improve the management of its nuclear program, including actions directly related to the restart and safe operation of BFN. Comprehensive action plans to close open issues (both at the TVA corporate level and BFN specific) and demonstrate operational readiness for BFN unit 2 restart are discussed in the Revised Corporate Nuclear Performance Plan (CNPP) Volume 1 and BFN Nuclear Performance Plan (BFNPP) Volume 3.

While our commitment to the programs described in the CNPP and BFNPP remains unchanged, TVA is placing increased emphasis on lessons learned from experience gained from restart of the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN) and similar experiences from the nuclear industry. There is within the industry a trend toward increased self assessment both for startup preparations and as a routine program to achieve and maintain excellence. The Operational Readiness Review (ORR) conducted by TVA prior to SQN unit 2 restart determined that self assessment was instrumental to readiness preparations. TVA has, therefore, decided to place increased emphasis on self assessment during startup preparations at BFN.

I have directed that a management self assessment of readiness for BFN unit 2 restart be conducted. The objective of this MSA is to ensure a high level of readiness for the restart and continued safe and reliable operation of BFN.

The MSA will encompass the following elements:

- (1) Validation of the accomplishment of restart readiness preparations described in the BFN Operational Readiness Program and quality of open item closure through appropriate self assessments at the working level.

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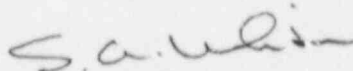
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- (2) Independent reviews of restart readiness preparations conducted by organizations internal and external to TVA, including an ORR similar to that performed for SQN restart.
- (3) Overview by the Senior Management Assessment of Readiness Team (SMART) of the adequacy and quality of restart readiness preparations. This team consists of the seven Vice Presidents of Nuclear Power that report to me. Using the information on plant readiness from line management reports, independent reviews, and their personal observations, SMART will make a recommendation on BFN unit 2 restart to me.

Enclosed is TVA's program plan for conducting the MSA. I would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the MSA.

Very truly yours,

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