

February 26, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Victor Stello, Jr.  
Acting Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Harold R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: WEEKLY SUMMARY OF NRC ACTIVITIES INVOLVING TVA  
FEBRUARY 17-21, 1986

The following activities involving TVA were conducted by the NRC staff during the week ending February 17-21, 1986. These activities are listed under the NRC office having lead responsibility for a particular activity.

I. Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)

- 2/18 NRR, IE, Region II, and the TVA Oversight Group participated in the weekly conference call with TVA representatives to review the status of ongoing activities.
- 2/20 The Senior Management Team (Denton, Taylor, Olshinski, and Hayes) met to review staff activities related to TVA.
- 2/21 The Senior Management Team, The Acting EDO, and H. Thompson met with the Chairman to review the NRC presentation for the Dingell hearing of February 26, 1986. The staff is preparing responses to questions raised during the meeting.
- 2/21 NRR and Region II personnel conducted a transcribed interview of Dallas Hicks in Knoxville regarding his concerns for safety issues at TVA facilities, and his letter of November 27, 1985 to NRC and the Congress. During this meeting Mr. John Nelson (a Congressional investigator serving as an advisor to Mr. Hicks) stated his belief that one of the NRC staff members participating in the interview was biased in favor of TVA. [The transcript was available to the staff on February 25, 1986, and is currently under review.]

Correspondence Issued By NRR

- 2/13 Thompson to Hayes, Q2-85-027 TVA: Alleged Violations of TVA Welding Inspection Procedures
- 2/13 Thompson to Rehm, Dingell Subcommittee request

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- 2/14 Thompson to SMT, Weekly Schedule of Activities, Week of February 17, 1986 and February 24, 1986.
- 2/18 Thompson to Taylor, Staff Handling of Bowling Green Reports
- 2/18 Thompson to Hayes et. al., TVA Correspondence
- 2/18 Muller to Thompson, Browns Ferry Issues
- 2/19 Thompson to Taylor et.al., Status of Staff Actions Regarding TVA
- 2/20 Muller to Thompson, Dingell request for QTC and NSRS Documents
- 2/21 Denton to Stello, Additional Information for Congressman Dingell
- 2/21 Denton to Stello, Review of NRC Activities with T/A
- 2/21 Denton to O. Thero, Response to QTC regarding Schum letter of February 4, 1986
- 2/21 Muller to Denton, Chronologies on PASS, RETS, and Appendix R

Other Correspondence

- 2/19 Rehm to Kammerer, Response to Congressman Dingell
- 2/20 Stello to Duncan, Response to January 20, 1986 letter from Duncan
- 2/21 Stello to Palladino, Additional Information for Congressman Dingell

II. Office of Inspection and Enforcement (IE)

- 2/18-21 Conducted a design control inspection at Sequoyah site and in Knoxville
- 2/20 Issued a Temporary Instruction (TI) governing the conduct of the inspection of the Employee Concerns Program at Sequoyah

Participated in other activities described in NRR and Region II sections.

III. Region II

- 2/17-21 Performed team training assessment at Sequoyah by Region II, Region I, and IE
- 2/17-21 Licensing examiners from Region II, Region III, and NRR conducted simulator evaluations of Sequoyah on-shift licensed operators at the TVA Training Center
- 2/18-21 Region II, Region I, NRR, and IE at the Sequoyah site to prepare for independent measurements of weld adequacy using the Region I NDE van
- 2/18-21 Plant chemistry inspection at Browns Ferry
- 2/19-20 A Project Section Chief was at Browns Ferry to review onsite activities
- 2/19 Provided SER input to NRR on Sequoyah physical security activities
- 2/19 TVA reported an unanalyzed condition on Browns Ferry 1, 2 and 3. The control rod drive withdraw and insert lines are not seismically qualified.
- 2/20 OIA interviewed selected Region II and former Region II personnel regarding TVA activities
- 2/21 Region II managers met with TVA in Chattanooga to discuss Browns Ferry licensed operator requalification training

Participated in other activities as shown in the NRR section.

IV. OI

- 2/18-21 Investigation of intimidation and harassment issues and welder recertification issues continued at Watts Bar and Knoxville.

Participated in other activities listed in the NRR section.

Original Signed by  
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