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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Zech
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Bernthal
Commissioner Carr
Commissioner Rogers

FROM: Sharon R. Connelly, Director
Office of Inspector and Auditor

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF NRC'S RELATIONSHIP WITH TVA'S
NUCLEAR SAFETY REVIEW STAFF (NSRS)

Attached is our report on the results of our review of NRC's relationship with the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Nuclear Safety Review Staff (NSRS) regarding NRC's receipt and distribution of NSRS reports prior to January 1, 1985.

This review was conducted in response to a letter dated March 19, 1986, from Congressman John Dingell to the Chairman. The Chairman provided Congressman Dingell with an interim response dated June 4, 1986, and informed Congressman Dingell that the Office of Inspector and Auditor (OIA) would obtain the additional information not included in the interim response of June 4, 1986. The attached report contains the information we obtained in response to Congressman Dingell's request.

Our review was conducted during the period from July 1986 through June 1987. We relied primarily on responses to questionnaires sent to certain current NRC Headquarters personnel; certain current and former NRC Region II personnel; and certain current and former TVA personnel. In addition, we interviewed two former senior officials of NRC Region II and one former NSRS official.

Conclusion

Based on our review of responses to the questionnaires and interviews we found there were no formal or informal arrangements between NRC and TVA's NSRS to routinely provide NSRS reports to NRC prior to January 1, 1985. Our review indicated that NRC's senior regional management was aware of NSRS' existence and general activity since NSRS' inception. Both Region II and NSRS understood that the NSRS organization and its activities were not a regulatory requirement. However, NSRS did cooperate with Region II in providing NSRS reports when requested by Region II senior management or by Region II inspectors when visiting a TVA site.

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Our review identified 29 NSRS reports that the NRC Headquarters and Region II staffs had access to or received. This includes six reports previously identified in NRC's June 4, 1986 interim response to Congressman Dingell.

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