

July 31, 1987

To Harold Denton
From Henry Myers *HM*

Re: SECY-87-173, Design Baseline and Verification Program (DB&VP)

As part of our inquiry into the NRC's regulation of TVA's nuclear program, we are seeking to determine the basis for an NRC staff conclusion in SECY-87-173, Enclosure 2, page 5:

THE NRC has conducted a number of inspections of the DBVP program and has concluded that the program has accomplished its objectives.

Documents, which relate to the DB&VP and which are available to us and to the NRC, do not support this conclusion. Among such documents are TVA's Engineering Assurance Oversight Review Report of the Design Baseline and Verification Program, EA-OR-001 and EA Audit 87-09 (Technical).

If NRC staff possess documentation to substantiate the foregoing SECY-87-173 conclusion regarding the DB&VP, we would appreciate your providing such documentation to us prior to August 7, 1987.

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