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Scott Hunnewell  
Vice President, New Nuclear Program  
Tennessee Valley Authority  
1101 Market Street  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

SUBJECT: CLINCH RIVER NUCLEAR SITE, UNIT 1, CONSTRUCTION PERMIT  
APPLICATION REVIEW STATUS

Dear Mr. Hunnewell

The purpose of this letter is to inform Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) of schedule acceleration and resource reduction for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's review of the construction permit (CP) application for the Clinch River Nuclear Site.

By letter dated July 25, 2025 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML25205A005), the NRC staff communicated that it planned to issue the final safety evaluation documenting the staff's review of the CP application by November 2026. As a result of review efficiencies and frequent and productive engagements with TVA, the NRC staff plans to issue the final safety evaluation by June 30, 2026, ahead of the schedule communicated in the July 25, 2025, letter.

Additionally, the NRC staff has determined that efficiencies gained through collaborative efforts and streamlined review processes have resulted in a revision to the estimated resources required for the completion of the construction permit application review. These improvements have allowed the team to optimize workflow and minimize redundant activities, enabling the NRC to allocate fewer resources while maintaining the quality and thoroughness of the evaluation. The NRC staff now estimates that it will need approximately 16,500 staff hours and \$1.4 million in contractor support to complete the review and issuance of the construction permit, compared to the resources communicated in the July 25, 2025 letter of 25,000 staff hours and \$1.4 million in contractor support.

If you have any questions, please contact Ricky Vivanco at 301-415-0021 or via email at ricky.vivanco@nrc.gov or Allen Fetter at 301-415-8556 or via email at allen.fetter@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Signed by Vivanco, Ricky  
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