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TVA Clinch River Early Site Permit Application
NRC Project No. 785

Subject: **Onsite Reference Portal**

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) expects to submit an application for an Early Site Permit (ESP) for the Clinch River Site in the first quarter of calendar year 2016. To improve the efficiency of pre-application engagement, and ultimately ESP environmental and safety reviews, TVA and NRC staff discussed the use of an online reference portal that would provide NRC and NRC-contracted staff (hereafter referred to as "staff") limited, read-only access to certain material associated with the ESP application.

Conditions have been discussed between TVA and NRC that must be implemented for use of the online reference portal to be acceptable. TVA hereby confirms that the conditions listed below will be maintained throughout the duration of the pre-application activities and ESP application review process.

- The online reference portal will be password-protected and passwords will be assigned to NRC staff directly involved in pre-application interactions and the ESP application review, on a need-to-know basis.
- The online reference portal will disable any printing, saving, or downloading functions to any location other than a printer or server controlled by TVA (Note that TVA cannot prevent a user from printing a single page via screen print or from taking a picture of the computer screen with a camera, but rather will rely on NRC internal procedures and training to preclude such mishandling).
- Conditions of use of the online reference portal will be displayed on the "home page" and concurrence by each user of the online reference portal will be obtained prior to granting access.

These conditions will be maintained throughout the duration of the pre-application activities and ESP application review process. TVA understands that staff given password access to the electronic reading room will also be informed of the conditions of use by the NRC project managers.

TVA understands that the online reference portal will provide information that would otherwise be made available during an audit, and that access to these documents is not a substitute for providing documents that the NRC determines should be docketed in support of the eventual ESP application review. In those cases, the NRC will formally request TVA submittal of such documents on the NRC docket.

As noted above, TVA agrees to the conditions and will maintain these conditions throughout the pre-application and ESP application review period, for as long as the electronic reading room needs to be available to NRC reviewers.

This letter contains no new regulatory commitments or proprietary information.

If additional information is needed, please contact Mr. Gene Cobey at (423) 751-3928.

Respectfully,

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