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Mr. Kenneth E. Black, Regional Director  
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
17 Executive Park Drive, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Re: Phipps Bend Nuclear Plant, NPDES Permit No. TN0020301  
Construction Effects Monitoring Program;  
Change of Monitoring Requirements

Dear Mr. Black:

As you know, TVA has requested permission to delete continued monitoring of the macroinvertebrate community from their construction effects monitoring program at the Phipps Bend facility. Monitoring reports submitted in June, 1978 and January, 1979 have shown no detectable impact on the macroinvertebrate community of the Holston River. Consequently, we have sent TVA the attached letter of approval.

Your letter of June 27, 1979, expresses some reservation about deleting macroinvertebrate monitoring from the assessment program. However, the portion of the program being discontinued deals only with the construction phase of the project. The Phipps Bend discharge permit contains specific requirements for implementation of an aquatic monitoring program in order to reestablish baseline data on water quality and biotic conditions in the Holston River during the operational phase of the facility.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief, KY/TN Compliance Group  
Water Enforcement Branch  
Enforcement Division

cc: Mr. Voss Moore, Director of Environmental Projects  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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