

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

In the Matter of the) Docket Nos. 50-327
Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-328

10CFR Part 50, Appendix E, Part IV, Section F, paragraphs 1.a and 3. states that each licensee shall exercise at least annually the emergency plan for each site at which it has one or more power reactors licensed for operation. Both full-scale and small-scale exercises shall be conducted and shall include participation by appropriate State and local government agencies as follows:

1. A full-scale exercise which tests as much of the licensee, State, and local emergency plans as is reasonably achievable without mandatory public participation shall be conducted;
 - a. For each site at which one or more power reactors are located and licensed for operation, at least once every five years and at a frequency which will enable each State and local government within the plume exposure pathway EPZ to participate in at least one full-scale exercise per year and which will enable each State within the ingestion pathway to participate in at least one full-scale exercise every three years.
3. A small-scale exercise which tests the adequacy of communication links, establishes that response agencies understand the emergency action levels, and tests at least one other component (e.g., medical or offsite monitoring) of the offsite emergency response plan for licensee, State, and local emergency plans jurisdictions within the plume exposure pathway EPZ shall be conducted at each site at which one or more power reactors are located and licensed for operation each year a full-scale exercise is not conducted which involves the State(s) within the plume exposure pathway EPZ.

In accordance with the above regulations, TVA plans to conduct a full-scale exercise once every five years for each nuclear plant which will involve the State and local governments in the plume exposure pathway. A small-scale exercise will be performed each year a full-scale exercise is not conducted. To support the State and local government's full-scale yearly exercise within the plume exposure pathway and to support each State within the ingestion pathway once every three years, TVA's emergency response facilities and staff will provide the necessary interface for those years when a full-scale exercise is not held for the nuclear plants.

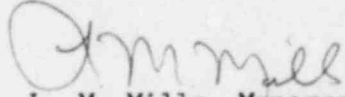
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This function can be met without full-scale participation of the plant and consequent interruption of the plant operation, but will provide for testing of communication links with the nuclear plant staff.

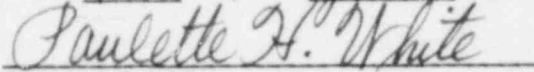
If you have any questions, please get in touch with R. H. Shell at FTS 858-2688.

Very truly yours,

Tennessee Valley Authority


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Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 10th day of June 1982


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My Commission Expires 9-5-84

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