

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37401

400 Chestnut Street Tower II

June 23, 1982

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. 50-259
Tennessee Valley Authority)	50-260
		50-296

In discussions with your staff TVA was requested to participate in a study related to NUREG-0705, "Identification of New Unresolved Safety Issues Relating to Nuclear Power Plants," Task A-47, Safety Implications of Control Systems. Specifically, your staff indicated that the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant would be used as the model for all General Electric (Boiling Water Reactor) plants on this issue. At the request of your staff, we met on June 2, 1982 to discuss in detail why the study was being conducted and information that would be needed by NRC and its contractors. The purpose of the meeting was to provide TVA with information necessary to evaluate the impact of participating in the study thereby allowing TVA to make an informed decision.

We were not encouraged by the meeting in Chattanooga on June 2, 1982, as to the advantages of TVA participation in this study. We did not achieve a good understanding of the scope of the program and were unable to identify any concrete problem areas for the program to focus on. Also, there appears to be a potential for a very significant impact on our manpower if TVA participates in this effort.

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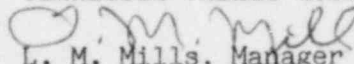
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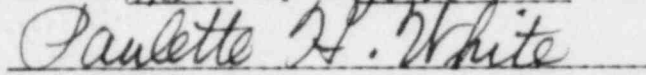
Therefore, based on the reasons explained above, TVA respectfully declines participation in the NRC study of Task A-47 for Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant.

Very truly yours,

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L. M. Mills, Manager
Nuclear Licensing

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 23rd day of June 1982.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires 9-5-84

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