

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37401
400 Chestnut Street Tower II

December 8, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Denton:

In the Matter of the)
Tennessee Valley Authority)

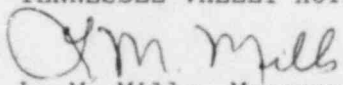
Docket No. 50-259

During the cycle 5 refueling outage on Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant unit 1, basic improvements were made to portions of the instrumentation in the Reactor Protection System (RPS) by replacing them with analog instrumentation. During the review of the license amendment application your staff expressed concerns regarding functional testing frequency of the RPS instruments. As discussed with your staff, we will voluntarily revise the Browns Ferry unit 1 surveillance instruction to require monthly functional testing of the turbine first stage pressure permissive to expedite approval of the unit 1 reload.

As discussed with R. J. Clark of your staff, the technical specifications which require the testing once every three months, will not be revised. The testing of the pressure permissive will revert back to the technical specification requirements after June 30, 1984.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY


L. M. Mills, Manager
Nuclear Licensing

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 8th day of Dec. 1983.

Paulette H. White
Notary Public
My Commission Expires 9-5-84

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