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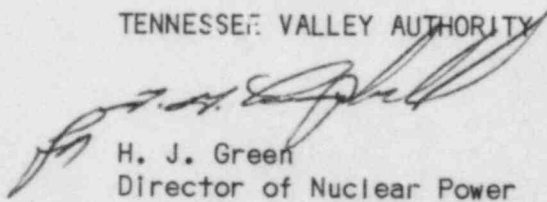
Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY - SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 1 - DOCKET
NO. 50-327 - FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-77 - SPECIAL REPORT 83-04

The enclosed special report provides details concerning a penetration fire
barrier being nonfunctional for a period in excess of seven days. This
report is submitted in accordance with Sequoyah unit 1 Technical
Specifications 3.7.12 and 6.9.2.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY



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SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT
SPECIAL REPORT 83-04
UNIT 1

Event Description

Mechanical penetration door A196 in the auxiliary building (elevation 749) was breached for a period greater than seven (7) days. The penetration was breached by Operations at 0800 (C) on 10/31/83 and returned to service on 11/08/83 at 1100 (C). A roving firewatch was established as required by technical specification action statement 3.7.12.1.

Probable Cause

The cause of the event was due to the failure of the shift engineer/firewatch to recognize the expiration date for breach.

Corrective Action

Firewatch patrol personnel have been instructed to check expiration dates on all breaches and notify the shift engineer prior to the expiration date.

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