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Gentlemen:

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

SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT (SQN) UNITS 1 AND 2 - WITHDRAWAL OF 10 CFR 50,
APPENDIX R DEVIATION REQUEST (TAC NO. M77570)

Reference: TVA letter to NRC dated January 28, 1991, "Sequoyah Nuclear
Plant (SQN) Units 1 and 2 - Deviation Request From
Requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix R, Section III.G.2"

TVA requested a permanent deviation from 10 CFR 50, Appendix R requirements in the referenced letter. The deviation request indicated that the cables in question were wrapped with a 1-hour fire barrier. This 1-hour fire barrier is Thermo-Lag. Based on the information received by TVA in NRC Bulletin 92-01 and NRC Bulletin 92-01, Supplement 1, the qualification of Thermo-Lag as a fire barrier is presently indeterminate. TVA is therefore withdrawing the referenced deviation request.

SQN presently has 1-hour, roving fire watches in this area as required by SQN technical specifications. Therefore, no additional compensatory actions are required.

Appropriate actions to verify or restore fire barrier operability are being developed through an industry program being coordinated by NUMARC. TVA will supply the results of these efforts, when completed, to the Thermo-Lag installations within the scope of Bulletin 92-01. TVA may also develop its own program for resolution of this issue to support specific schedule requirements for units under construction.

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Once results of an approved Thermo-Lag qualification program are finalized, TVA will readdress the subject deviation request.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please telephone K. E. Meade at (615) 843-7766.

Sincerely,



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