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Tennessee Valley Authority
ATTN: J. W. Hufham, Manager
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Dear Mr. Hufham:

By letter dated May 13, 1985, from J. W. Hufham, TVA, to R. Dale Smith, NRC, TVA's operational, radiological safety and environmental quality control programs were provided. The letter states that TVA's Uranium Operations Branch, in conjunction with Silver King Mines, is preparing a detailed construction quality control program which will be available on-site.

Staff review of the operational, radiological safety and environmental quality control programs has been completed. The staff understands that included among the key activities which will be overseen by a full-time TVA representative are the construction of the clay liner on the upstream face of the containment dam and backfilling around building debris. Additionally, the staff understands that a qualified radiological representative will be present during all radiological site cleanup activities.

In order to ensure the independence of the SKM construction inspector we require written assurance that the SKM inspector is fully aware of his independence and that he is immune to employer reprisals should he report inadequate construction practices. As discussed recently by our respective staffs, TVA is authorized to place building rubble in Cell 1 at this time. However, placement of contaminated material in Cell 1 will be contingent upon NRC notification that the Cell 1 clay perimeter liner is completely constructed to grade with the competent shale which comprises the floor of Cell 1.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. R. F. Brich on
FTS 776-2814.

Sincerely,

/s/

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