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February 18, 2000

IA-99-044

Mr. Thomas J. McGrath
[HOME ADDRESS DELETED
PURSUANT TO 10 CFR 2.790]

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT
NO. 2-98-013)

This is in response to your letter of February 9, 2000, requesting an extension of time to respond to the Notice of Violation (Notice) issued to you on February 7, 2000. The basis for this request was to afford you the opportunity to review the subject Office of Investigations (OI) report, its exhibits, and the transcripts of the related predecisional enforcement conferences in order for you to fully respond to the Notice.

In your letter, you also indicated that you had granted permission to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to request copies of the transcripts of the closed, predecisional enforcement conference conducted with you on November 22, 1999. The NRC received this request from TVA by letter dated February 8, 2000. In this letter, TVA also requested the OI report, related exhibits, and the transcripts of the closed conferences conducted with TVA on December 10, 1999 and with the other TVA manager on November 22, 1999. The NRC is currently processing TVA's request for the indicated documents. However, you should be aware that the documents will be reviewed and redacted in accordance with Freedom of Information Act criteria, and the released documents will also be made publically available at the time they are released to TVA.

In recognition of the time required by the NRC to complete this process and the need for your review of the information prior to responding to the Notice, we are granting an extension of the 30-day response time required by the February 7, 2000, Notice. Specifically, you will have 45 days from the date of the letter transmitting the requested information to TVA in which to respond to the Notice. As you requested, this is the same time required for TVA to respond to the Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty issued to them in connection with this case on February 7, 2000.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 404-562-4501 or Ms. Anne T. Boland, Enforcement Officer, at 404-562-4421.

T. McGrath

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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter will be made publically available.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Loren R. Plisco, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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