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Dear Ms. Sterdis:

By letter dated September 30, 2007, as supplemented by letters dated November 2, 2007, January 8, 2008 and January 14, 2008, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) submitted its application to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a combined license (COL) for two AP1000 advance passive pressurized water reactors pursuant to 10 CFR Part 52. The NRC staff is performing a detailed review of this application to enable the staff to reach a conclusion on the safety of the proposed application.

The NRC staff has identified that additional information is needed to continue portions of the review. The staff's request for additional information (RAI) is contained in the enclosure to this letter.

To support the review schedule, you are requested to respond within 30 days of the date of this letter. If changes are needed to the final safety analysis report, the staff requests that the RAI response include the proposed wording changes.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, you may contact me at 301-415-6191 or you may contact Joseph Sebrosky, the lead project manager for the Bellefonte combined license at 301-415-1132.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Ravindra G. Joshi, Project Manager
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Docket Nos. 52-014
52-015

Enclosure:
Request for Additional Information

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Docket Nos. 52-014
52-015
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Enclosure:
Request for Additional Information

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Bellefonte Units 3 and 4
Tennessee Valley Authority
Docket No. 52-014 and 52-015
SRP Section: 06.04 - Control Room Habitability System
Application Section: 6.4

QUESTIONS from Containment and Ventilation Branch 1 (SPCV)

06.04-2

The application concludes that "as permitted by Regulatory Guide 1.78, toxic gas monitoring for chlorine is not included in the control room design." Regulatory Guide 1.78 states that "human detection, i.e., smell, may be appropriate when no detection instruments are available in the control room for given chemical types." According to the application, control room operators could sense the chlorine from the identified chlorine event only 5½ minutes before the concentration would reach the threshold for the onset of health effects (Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health or IDHL). Also according to the application, if it is assumed that the operators can don respirators in two minutes after the operators detect the smell of a chlorine gas release, there would be only 3.5 minutes following that assumed action before chlorine concentrations reach the IDHL level of 10 ppm. Please explain how the proposed Bellefonte procedures can achieve the necessary operator actions within these time frames, and elaborate on the basis for TVA's conclusion that chlorine monitors should not be included in the control room design.

06.04-3

Provide details of the analysis that generated Figure 6.4-201, including input conditions and assumptions, in sufficient detail to permit independent confirmatory analysis. These details should include the size of the spill, the wind conditions (speed and direction), the dilution of the chlorine, the normal air intake flow rate of the ventilation system, the size of the control room, and the control room in-leakage rate.

06.04-4

The capability of the control room habitability systems to maintain a suitable environment for prolonged occupancy throughout the toxic gas release, as well as during the other events identified in Chapter 15, is based on a maximum of 11 operators in the control room. Do Bellefonte's plant procedures specify the maximum number of operators allowed in the control room in circumstances when the habitability systems are intended to protect the control room occupants?

06.04-5

Table 6.4-201 of the COL, Input Values Used in Analyses of Chlorine, states that the value assumed for inleakage is 0.0023 m³/sec. Will 0.0023 m³/sec be confirmed in control room air tightness testing, and how will the effects of wind pressure and temperature differences (including expansion of outside cold air after entering the control room) be accounted for?