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Richard W. Moore  
Inspector General

December 16, 2008

The Honorable Thomas C. Gilliland  
Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors

Dear Mr. Gilliland:

**AUDIT 2008-11528 – REVIEW OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP'S AUDIT OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY  
AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) contracted with the independent public accounting firm of Ernst & Young LLP (Ernst & Young) to audit the balance sheet as of September 30, 2008, and the related statements of income, changes in proprietary capital, and cash flows for the year then ended. In addition, the contract called for the review of TVA's fiscal year 2008 interim financial information filed on Form 10-Q with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The contract required the work be performed in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

Under the Inspector General Act, the Inspector General (IG) is responsible for taking appropriate steps to assure that any work performed by nonfederal auditors, including Ernst & Young, complies with generally accepted government auditing standards. The Chief Financial Officers Act also places responsibilities on the IG regarding TVA's annual financial statement audit. In keeping with these statutory responsibilities, my office reviewed Ernst & Young's reports and related audit documentation, interviewed its representatives, and performed such other procedures as deemed appropriate in the circumstances to provide reasonable assurance the work was performed in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

The objective of our review was not intended to enable us to express, and we do not express, an opinion on TVA's financial statements or on management's conclusions about the effectiveness of its system of internal control. Ernst & Young is responsible for the auditor's reports dated December 15, 2008, and the conclusions expressed in those reports. However, our review disclosed no instances where Ernst & Young did not comply, in all material respects, with generally accepted government auditing standards.

We performed this attestation engagement in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

Very truly yours,

Richard W. Moore

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