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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA)

SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1

DUKE POWER COMPANY

CATAWBA NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

McGUIRE NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

STATEMENT OF CONCERNS

- 1. The ALLEGER stated "It was stated by TVA's corporate metallurgical staff member that the Central Lab Staff wasn't qualified to make decisions on failure modes!"
- 2. The ALLEGER stated during development of TVA's PER, he called upon Sequoyah for assistance to obtain a few of their ice basket screws to have analyzed, but his request was clearly denied in fear of it raising a generic concern that could shut them down.
- 3. The ALLEGER stated that in the NRC Inspection Report, Duke personnel stated that they have never found loose or broken ice basket screws on the floor of the ice condenser since the plants began commercial exeration. ALLEGER enclosed a copy of his notes outlining the conversation he had with Duke Power Company's representative at the time he was actively involved with their ice condenser system.
- 4. The ALLEGER requested that certain questions be asked regarding failed ice basket screws associated with NRC inspection effort at Duke Power Company.

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