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MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes, Regional Administrator Region II

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SUBJECT:

OI REPORT 2-98-027; RE: WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT; ALLEGED

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IMPROPER INSTRUCTION OF WATTS BAR ENGINEERS NOT TO

WRITE PROBLEM EVALUATION REPORTS

The above captioned OI report involves an allegation that a technical support manager at Tennessee Valley Authority's Watts Bar Nuclear Plant directed employees not to write Problem Evaluation Reports unless they were related to fuel loading. Ol did not substantiate the allegation. Therefore, it appears that enforcement action is not appropriate in this case.

I do not intend to request an OGC analysis of this report. We will consider the matter closed unless we receive a different view within three weeks of the date of this memorandum. Please contact Michael Stein of my staff at (301) 415-1688 with any comments.

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