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SUBJECT: WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT: NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS CASE NUMBER 2-2000-024

Dear Mr. Scalice:

Enclosed for your information is the synopsis of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) completed report regarding alleged retaliation by Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) against an employee at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant for raising safety issues. OI did not substantiate that the employee was subjected to retaliation for raising safety concerns.

Based on the OI activity described in the synopsis, we plan no further action with regard to this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

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Sincerely,

/RA

Anne T. Boland  
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Enclosure: Investigative Synopsis,  
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## SYNOPSIS

The investigation was initiated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region II, on August 3, 2000. The investigation sought to determine whether a Tennessee Valley Authority design engineer at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant was the victim of retaliation for raising safety issues.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, it was not substantiated that the design engineer was a victim of retaliation for raising safety concerns.

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