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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of ) Docket No. 50-390  
Tennessee Valley Authority )

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) - NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY  
(RIS) 2001-17 - PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING OF OPERATOR LICENSING  
EXAMINATIONS

RIS 2001-17 was released by NRC on August 22, 2001, and requested information regarding WBN's projected operator licensing examination schedules and the estimated number of applicants. The information requested by NRC was defined on Form 536. The enclosure to this letter addresses NRC's request and provides an estimate of the examination requirements for WBN.

Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please contact me at (423) 365-1824.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosure**

**Operator Licensing Examination Data  
(Data as defined on NRC Form 536)**

<b>FACILITY</b>  <b>WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT</b>				<b>NRC REGION</b>  <b>II</b>		
<b>A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE</b>						
<b>PROPOSED NUMBER</b>	<b>CY02</b>	<b>CY03</b>	<b>CY04</b>	<b>CY05</b>		
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0		
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	0	1	0		
<b>B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS</b>						
<b>PROPOSED NUMBER</b>	<b>CY02</b>	<b>CY03</b>	<b>CY04</b>	<b>CY05</b>		
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	0	2	0		
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	8	0	2	0		
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	0	2	0		
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0		
PROPOSED DATES	12/02 - 12/13		08/02 - 08/06			
PRIMARY DATE						
ALTERNATE DATE						
<b>C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE</b>						
<b>PROPOSED NUMBER</b>	<b>CY03</b>			<b>CY05</b>		
	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>THIRD</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>THIRD</b>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			4		4	