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Environmental Assistance Center Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Underground Storage Tanks 540 McCallie Avenue, Suite 550 Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

Attention: Karen Ridolfo

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) - FACILITY ID NO.0-610035 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

WBN requests an extension to the October 7, 2001 submittal date for the Environmental Assessment Report. WBN needs the additional time to prepare a detailed report justifying a return to the Monitoring Only Program. The free product observed in Monitoring Well number two continues to diminish. WBN continues to adhiere to the Monitoring Only program requirements with an increase in visual inspections and manual baling of Monitoring Well number two. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact Lanny Brown at (423) 365-8098, Hank Julian at (865) 632-1834, or me at (423) 365-1846.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Robinson

Environmental/Radwaste Superintendent

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