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Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1

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April 20, 2001, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Submittal “Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN) – Unit 1 – Revision to the Spent Fuel Pool Cooling Analysis Methodology”

1. TVA states in Section III of Enclosure 1, “Proposed Methodology Change – Description and Evaluation of the Proposed Change” that “Analyses have been performed that support the proposed change.” Please provide these analyses or a summary of these analyses, including the methodology (e.g., equations, code, how to determine heat exchanger heat removal capability, etc.), important assumptions and results.
2. TVA states in Section III of Enclosure 1, “Procedures are in place to assure that at no time during core off-loading activities will the design basis limits of the SFPCCS [spent fuel pool cooling and cleanup system] be exceeded.” Please explain these procedures.
3. Please provide the data used to calculate the “time to boil,” “SFP [spent fuel pool] heat-up rate,” “boil-off rate,” and “time until 10 feet of water over racks” (e.g., amount of water in the SFP, the heat capacity of the SFP and other structures, etc.).
4. The first paragraph of Enclosure 2 “UFSAR [Updated Final Safety Analysis Report] Markups,” states that “to assure that the spent fuel pool temperature does not exceed 150 °F.” However, the table in Enclosure 1 shows the maximum SFP temperature to be 159.24 °F. Please explain this discrepancy.
5. In Sections 1.5.8 and 1.5.9 of Enclosure 3, TVA states that “the increase in allowable decay heat associated with the reduced SFP heat exchanger fouling factors and lower CCS [cooling and cleanup system] temperature is approximately 14 MBtu/Hr.” However, this increase is stated to be 10 MBtu/Hr in the same sections of TVA’s May 1, 2001, submittal. Please explain the discrepancy.

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