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Mr. John G. Davis, Director
Directorate of Regulatory Operations
United States Atomic Energy Commission
Region II - Suite 818
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Dear Mr. Davis:

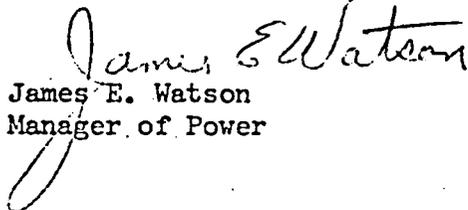
This is to reply to your letter, RO:II:WBS, 50-390/72-2, 50-391/72-2, of July 28, 1972, concerning unresolved items of the TVA quality assurance program for design and construction of our Watts Bar Nuclear Plant.

To strengthen the quality assurance program within the Office of Engineering Design and Construction, particularly from a standpoint of organizational structure, we are establishing in the Manager's office a new position and staff. Tentatively this position will be designated as "Assistant to the Manager for Quality Assurance." The incumbent would provide centralized direction and coordination for the overall quality assurance program within OEDC, as opposed to the decentralized approach used in the past. The Assistant to the Manager for Quality Assurance would be given responsibility and necessary authority to see that the quality assurance program within the Office of Engineering Design and Construction is established and coordinated to meet the requirements of Appendix B to 10 CFR 50, and to assure, on a continuing basis, that quality assurance and quality control activities are consistent with applicable policies. We are currently interviewing prospective candidates and anticipate that the top QA position will be filled within the next 30 to 45 days, to be followed promptly by the selection and recruitment of a competent staff. A detailed description of the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the new QA organizational element is being finalized, following which we will initiate appropriate amendments to the Watts Bar PSAR.

We hope these responses will satisfactorily resolve the items raised in your letter.

Very truly yours,

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James E. Watson
Manager of Power