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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REPORT NOS. 50-390/85-56 AND 50-391/85-45

This refers to a special safety inspection conducted by this office during the periods July 31, August 6 - 8, 14 - 16 and 22, 1985 of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit Nos. CPPR-91 and CPPR-92 for your Watts Bar facility. The inspection included a review of your program for maintenance of welder certifications associated with safety-related welding activities. As a result of this inspection, a significant failure to implement your program was identified concerning inadequate and inaccurate records of welder certifications.

The deficiencies identified in this report do not appear to comply with NRC regulatory requirements for conduct of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and American Welding Society (AWS) Code welding activities. A management meeting to discuss this matter and related issues was held at the Region II Office on September 25, 1985. Our meeting summary which included an enclosed transcript of the meeting was forwarded to you on October 15, 1985.

The violation described in the enclosed Inspection Report is under consideration for escalated enforcement action. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is being issued at this time. No response to this letter is required. However, please be advised that the number and characterization of violations described in the enclosed report may change as a result of further NRC review.

You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

orig. signed by J. Grace

J. Nelson Grace
Regional Administrator

Enclosure:
Inspection Report Nos. 50-390/85-56
and 50-391/85-45

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