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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of the Application of) Docket Nos. 50-390 Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-391

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) - TRAINING PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to inform NRC of a change in the Modifications organization initial training program instituted as part of WBN's slow monitored restart of construction activities. As discussed with NRC prior to restart of construction activities at WBN and as summarized in NRC's letter dated November 26, 1991, staffing was to progress on a slow start basis. One of the WBN management objectives of construction restart involved an elaborate training program to ensure Modifications employees became familiar with the new procedures and processes which were being initiated for restart of construction. Modifications training was reviewed by NRC and addressed in Inspection Report Nos. 50-390/91-13 and 50-390/91-29.

The initial training program has continued throughout the staffing-up process for Modifications employees. The Modifications organization has reached stabilized staffing levels and TVA considers the initial training program to have fulfilled the management objective and therefore no longer required. Changes to streamline the Modifications training program may now be made as determined necessary by TVA management to support technical needs and to ensure continued success in implementing the Modifications work controls in place.

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Discontinuance of the Modifications initial training program is not considered a change that could significantly affect the way work is done, alter the criteria for work, or reduce the effectiveness of work controls. Therefore, TVA does not consider coordination of this change with NRC prior to implementation to be required as discussed in NRC's November 26, 1991 letter. However, this change has been discussed with the Senior Resident Inspector and this letter is provided for NRC Region II management to ensure open communication regarding WBN program changes made after NRC concurrence to restart construction activities.

If you have any questions, please telephone P. L. Pace at (615) 365-1824.

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