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Docket Nos. 50-390 and 50-391 License Nos. CPPR-91 and CPPR-92

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION

(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-390/92-201)

This refers to the NRC inspection conducted by A. S. Gautam on July 13 through August 7, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Watts Bar facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the report. The report documenting this inspection was sent to you by letter dated September 21, 1992.

Areas examined during the inspection were identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violations are of concern because of their generic implications about design and construction practices at Watts Bar.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and any reply will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by E. Merschoff)

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Enclosure: Notice of Violation

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