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Tennessee Valley Authority
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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-390/97-10, 50-391/97-10
AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Zeringue:

This refers to the inspection conducted on November 23, 1997, through January 3, 1998, at the Watts Bar facility. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

During the inspection period, plant activities were observed to be conducted in a safe manner. A number of material condition deficiencies were noted similar to the previous inspection period. Effective self-assessment activities were noted.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. This violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation is of concern because of continuing problems noted regarding component mispositions. Corrective actions for these previous issues has not been fully effective.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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Sincerely,

(Original signed by M. S. Lesser)

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Docket Nos.: 50-390 and 50-391
License Nos.: NPF-90 and
Construction Permit CPPR-92

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. Integrated Inspection Report

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