May 26, 1998

Tennessee Valley Authority ATTN: Mr. O. J. Zeringue

Chief Nuclear Officer and Executive Vice President

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SUBJECT:

NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-390/98-02 AND 50-391/98-02

Dear Mr. Zeringue:

This acknowledges TVA's response of May 1, 1998, to our Notice of Violation, issued on April 17, 1998, concerning activities conducted at your Watts Bar facility.

Your letter states, "According to Inspection Report 390, 391/98-02, the violation was based upon information contained in an Office of Investigation (OI) report, which was not included in or described in any detail in the Inspection Report." A synopsis of the OI report was forwarded to you by separate correspondence dated April 23, 1998.

Your letter states, that it is essential that TVA be afforded the opportunity to consider the information contained in the OI report and that TVA has requested a copy of the OI report. In addition, your letter states TVA requests that NRC extend the response time period for the Notice of Violation from May 10, 1998, (30 days after the date of the Inspection Report), to 30 days after TVA's receipt of the requested material from NRC.

We have considered your request and determined to grant an extension as requested to 30 days after TVA's receipt of the requested material from NRC.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,
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