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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-390/93-46 AND 50-391/93-46)

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) has been completed for your Watts Bar facility. The facility was evaluated for the period June 14, 1992, through June 12, 1993. The results of the evaluation are documented in the enclosed Initial SALP Report. This report will be discussed with you at a public meeting to be held at the Watts Bar facility on August 27, 1993, at 1:00 p.m.

The performance of your Watts Bar facility was evaluated in the functional areas of Piping Systems and Supports; Auxiliary Systems; Electrical Equipment and Cables; Engineering/Technical Support; Safety Assessment/Quality Verification (SA/QV); and Preoperational testing.

We have noted several strengths and weaknesses during this period. Specifically, the control of cable design and installation, which was a significant problem early in the period, has improved, as have your efforts to ensure that Corrective Action Programs and Special Programs are effectively implemented prior to NRC reviews. You have also progressed satisfactorily in developing the Watts Bar Technical Specifications. Other activities continue to experience problems, such as preoperational test procedure development and finalization of the FSAR.

The issue of most concern identified during this SALP period was the marginal accomplishment of your quality assurance (QA) functions as reflected in the SA/QV area. Although the overall performance of your Watts Bar facility was good during the assessment period, with superior performance in the area of Auxiliary Systems, minimally acceptable performance of SA/QV overshadows the satisfactory performance in the other areas. Significant management attention must be placed on improving performance in the area of SA/QV. We intend to conduct another assessment of your facility to assure improvements have been made in this important area.

Any comments you have concerning our evaluation of performance of your Watts Bar facility should be submitted to this office within 30 days following the date of our meeting. Your comments will be considered in the development of

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the Final SALP Report and will be issued, along with a summary of our meeting, as an appendix to the Final SALP Report.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by S. Ebnetter)

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Enclosure:
Initial SALP Report

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