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

Tennessee Valley Authority
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-390/94-13 AND 50-391/94-13)

This refers to the NRC inspection conducted by G. A. Walton on February 1 through February 28, 1994. 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 enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are 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 described in the enclosed Notice involved several examples of failures to follow procedures and inadequate corrective actions. Since the effectiveness of corrective actions is very important at Watts Bar, we are especially concerned with the failures to document the resolution of adverse conditions identified during the civil/structural walkdown program in accordance with your corrective action program.

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. Related to Violation B in the enclosed Notice, please provide in your response, reasons for each of the deficiencies identified in paragraph 4.a of the enclosed report and your corrective action to prevent recurrence.

Additionally, the enclosed inspection report includes deficiencies and concerns identified during the review of Construction Deficiency Report

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50-390, 391/92-12, including questions about the adequacy of your root cause analysis for Significant Corrective Action Report (SCAR) WBSCA920106. Please include in your response, why you believe these deficiencies occurred and what steps you are taking to assure that your root cause analysis process is adequate.

Based on the problems identified in this and other recent NRC inspection reports, we are concerned about the implementation of the Watts Bar corrective action program. As such, a management meeting has been scheduled for April 25, 1994, at 10:30 a.m., in the Region II office to discuss this issue.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures 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. 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

(Original signed by E. Merschhoff)

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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