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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-390/94-62, 50-391/94-62, 70-2928/94-01
AND 70-2928/94-01

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your response of December 6, 1994, to our Notice of Violation, issued on November 16, 1994, concerning activities conducted at your Watts Bar facility. Although you acknowledged that the violation did occur, your response stated that you did not agree that the fire pumps should be tested in accordance with the provisions of the National Fire Protection (NFPA) Code. The NRC position continues to be that testing of the fire pumps be performed using the NFPA codes as guidelines, in accordance with your Special Nuclear Material (SNM) license application of October 8, 1992. We believe that the failure to obtain sufficient test data to evaluate the pumps' performance at multiple points on the pump curve does not meet the guidelines of the NFPA fire pump code as required by the SNM license.

Based on a technical meeting between the TVA and NRC staff on December 14, 1994, and a telephone call between Mr. P. Fredrickson of my staff and Mr. P. Pace of your staff on December 21, 1994, it is our understanding that a revised response to this violation will be provided to this office by January 6, 1995. This response should provide any additional testing information and describe the specific means by which you meet the guidelines of the NFPA fire pump code.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
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