Docket Nos. 80-3901391

Tennessee Valley Authority
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REF: BREAKDOWN IN CB&I QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM - DOCUMENTATION OF RADIOGRAPHS AND WELD HISTORY

## Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated March 17, 1976 pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(e) regarding the above item. We are looking forward to receipt of your final report on this matter.

Please refer to Control No. HO 1196 F2 in future correspondence in reference to this item.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by D. Thempson

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March 17, 1976

Mr. John G. Davis, Acting Director Office of Inspection and Enforcement U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Davis:

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 2 - REPORTABLE DEFICIENCY - CHICAGO BRIDGE AND IRON COMPANY QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM BREAKDOWN - DOCUMENTATION OF RADIOGRAPHS AND WELD HISTORY RECORDS

The subject deficiency was reported to V. L. Brownlee, NRC-OIE Principal Reactor Inspector for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant and J. C. Bryant, Senior Inspector, NRC-OIE Facilities Section, on February 12, 1976, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e).

The first interim report concerning this deficiency is enclosed.

Our next interim report will be submitted on or before April 30, 1976.

Very truly yours,

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## FIRST INTERIM REPORT

After discovery of the discrepancies in the documentation of radiographs and weld histories, CB&I stopped all contract work at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. Subsequently, TVA permitted CB&I to resume limited work on the unit 2 bottom liner plate. The conditions under which this work could be done were defined at a meeting with CB&I on February 18, 1976, and are listed below.

- 1. CB&I and DEC, in a combined audit team, would audit the site bottom liner records of CB&I, and each organization would issue an individual audit report.
- 2. CB&I would perform and document an additional pressure test on the unit 1 leakage channel system. DEC would monitor this test.
- 3. CB&I would submit a corrective action plan addressing the bottom liner.

Subject to the above agreements, CB&I could proceed with their bottom liner activities. CB&I could also resume spot radiography as part of their corrective action plan. CB&I was advised that all of this work was subject to the provisions of 10CFR50.55(e) which states, in part, that:

(4) Remedial action may be taken both prior to and after notification of the Division of Compliance subject to the risk of disapproval of such action by the Commission.

Only bottom liner work and spot radiography could be resumed at this time.

NRC-OIE II was apprised of these conditions via telecon on February 23, 1976, and also advised of a future scheduled meeting to be held with CB&I.

CB&I has submitted for approval corrective action plans for the containment vessels, bottom liners, and the two stainless steel tanks which CB&I also supplies. These plans are presently being reviewed by TVA.

A meeting was held on March 2, 1976, with CB&I and TVA personnel to establish additional scope and direction that CB&I will follow in resolving this matter. NRC-OIE Region II was apprised on March 3, 1976, via telecon of results of this meeting.