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July 26, 1995

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of the Application of) Docket Nos. 50-390
Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-391

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) - UNITS 1 AND 2 - FOLLOW-UP TO
REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 50,
APPENDIX E, SECTION IV.F.2(a)

By letter dated July 19, 1995, TVA submitted the subject
exemption request to NRC. Included as an enclosure to the
request was a letter from the Tennessee Emergency Management
Agency (TEMA), dated July 7, 1995. The cover letter of
TVA's request referenced a letter from TEMA dated July 3,
1995. Both letters indicate TEMA's support for TVA's
exemption request. For purposes of completeness, we have
enclosed a copy of the referenced July 3, 1995, letter from
TEMA.

Additionally, the first paragraph of page 2 of the enclosure
which begins, "To the extent . . ." should have been
indented to indicate this is a direct quote from 52 Federal
Register 16824, dated May 6, 1987. Likewise, the second and
third paragraphs of page 4 of the enclosure which begin,
"The state and local . . ." and, "In contrast . . ." should
also have been indented to indicate direct quotes from the
above-mentioned Federal Register.

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If you have any questions or need further information,
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Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN)
UNITS 1 AND 2
LETTER FROM TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
DATED JULY 3, 1995



TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
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July 3, 1995

Tennessee Valley Authority
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Dear Mr. Kitts:

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The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) supports the efforts of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to obtain an exemption to the criteria requiring another licensing exercise at Watts Bar in November 1995. It must be noted that the State and local governments in the Watts Bar area have conducted three full licensing exercises for Watts Bar since 1983 with the latest on 6-7 October 1993. Each of these exercises were conducted without any uncorrected deficiencies.

TEMA has discussed the licensing exercise exemption issue with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who indicated they will support the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) decision in this matter.

It is TEMA's position that another licensing exercise for Watts Bar will not be cost effective for the State or local governments as we exercise regularly both Watts Bar and Sequoyah plans. The same personnel that participate in Watts Bar also participate in Sequoyah. It must be noted that since Tennessee started conducting exercises in the late 1970's, we have not experienced problems at either site with off site programs. The same state and local government personnel who participate at Watts Bar also participate at Sequoyah. Sequoyah conducted a 50-Mile Ingestion pathway in 1992. All of the States within the 50-Mile IPZ were included in the 1992 Sequoyah and 1993 Watts Bar Ingestion Pathway Exercise.

In conclusion, we at TEMA believe the above information which outlines an extensive exercise and training program both at Sequoyah and Watts Bar Nuclear Plants more than justifies the exemption that you are seeking from NRC.

Sincerely,

John D. White, Jr.
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Director