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Gentlemen:

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

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) - UNIT 1 - NRC INSPECTION OF WATTS BAR'S
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALIFICATION (EQ) AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT QUALIFICATION (MEQ)
SPECIAL PROGRAMS

As discussed in my letter dated October 25, 1994, TVA has performed a pre-inspection review of WBN's EQ and MEQ Special Programs. I was briefed on the results of that pre-inspection on November 30, 1994. As a result, I determined that elements of the EQ program implementation do not meet TVA quality expectations. Consistent with TVA's recent discussions with NRC senior management concerning inspections at Watts Bar, I believe that conducting the inspection at this time would not be a productive use of NRC and licensee resources. Consequently, I request that the NRC postpone the inspection of the EQ/MEQ Special Programs scheduled to begin December 5, 1994.

The basis for rescheduling this NRC inspection was discussed with NRC Region II staff in telephone conversations on November 30 and December 1, 1994. I understand that this delay may impact NRC Staff resource allocation, and may affect the Staff's ability to meet its current inspection schedule.

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On an interim basis, TVA proposes to initiate bi-weekly discussions with the NRC to status the EQ program. An appropriate schedule for the inspection will be developed through these discussions.

If there are any questions, please telephone Bruce S. Schofield at (615) 365-1550.

Sincerely,



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