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SUBJECT: WATTS BAR UNIT 1 - REPLACEMENT ITEMS PROGRAM CORRECTIVE ACTION
PROGRAM PLAN, REVISION 6 (TAC M71922)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

By letter dated April 5, 1994, we provided our evaluation of Revision 5 of the Replacement Items Program Correction Action Program Plan (RIP CAP). In that evaluation, we noted that an effective evaluation of the RIP CAP would be accomplished through a commercial-grade dedication inspection. That inspection took place, and the staff issued Inspection Report (IR) 50-390/94-201 on December 14, 1994.

Among other things, IR 50-290/94-201 stated that:

As written, Revision 5 to the RIP CAP would not ensure that all material, particularly commercial grade items, would be adequately rendered suitable or verified to be suitable for specific safety-related plant applications under all design basis conditions. However, these differences from staff positions were not reflected, in general, in the implementing procedures that were actually in use for procurement and dedication activities; although the procedures did contain some less significant deficiencies as noted in this report. Therefore, the staff requests that you revise and docket a RIP CAP Plan to reflect the actual procurement practices in-place at WBN.

In response, TVA submitted Revision 6 of the RIP CAP on January 20, 1995, addressing the staff's concern as quoted above. Based on comparison with Revision 5, the staff confirms that Revision 6 only revised the RIP CAP to delete footnote 2, the exception to the staff's Generic Letter 91-05, "Licensee Commercial-Grade Procurement and Dedication." This change is consistent with what the staff stated in IR 50-390/94-201, and is acceptable.

Sincerely,

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