

ENERGY PROJECT

Docket No. 50-390

March 6, 1995

William Russell, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Russell:

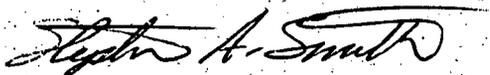
I would like to request a public meeting on the current status of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (NRC Docket No. 50-390.) As you know, this facility has a long and troubled history. The Foundation for Global Sustainability remains concerned that the breakdown of quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) during the construction of the Watts Bar facility prevents the proper level of confidence necessary to grant an operating license.

TVA's current aggressive push to bring this facility into operation this summer appears to be dangerous in light of the large number of open safety concerns remaining requiring NRC attention. There appears to be a deliberate attempt by TVA management to overwhelm NRC inspectors as the fuel load date approaches. In addition, we are concerned about the large number of safety concerns the NRC has allowed to be "justified as constructed." Handling concerns in this fashion has decreased the margin of safety needed for safe operation of a nuclear power plant.

As you are aware, the last time the public had a formal opportunity to comment on the Watts Bar plant was nearly twenty years ago. We would value an opportunity to allow our members and other interested members of the general public to ask questions of the NRC.

We would propose that the public meeting occur on the evening of the next NRC/TVA Watts Bar management meeting on April 12, 1995 in Spring City, TN. We would like to see the question and answers recorded for the docket record. Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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