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Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

SUBJECT: WATTS BAR UNIT 1 - SPECIAL REPORT ON EMPLOYEE CONCERNS SPECIAL PROGRAM DEVIATIONS (TAC NO. M91040)

By letter dated October 31, 1994, TVA submitted the Supplemental Report of the Employee Concerns Special Program (ECSP) Corrective Action Implementation for Watts Bar Unit 1. The purpose was to update the staff on the closure status of Corrective Action Tracking Documents (CATDs) that were developed as part of the Employee Concern Special Program (ECSP) and to summarize any deviations made from original corrective action plans (CAPs). This report identified deviations approved by TVA during the period January 1 to September 30, 1994.

We noted that all the deviations are Level IIa or IIb. Level II was defined by TVA as (see letter, F. Hebdon to D. Nauman, April 15, 1991):

"A proposed change to a previously approved CAP whose implementation would (1) affect multiple plants; or (2) affect a programmatic area of weakness; or (3) deviate from the techniques or methods established by the commitments previously made; or (4) involve organizational changes that directly affect CAP closures."

Level II was split into IIa and IIb by TVA with the staff's acceptance (letter, Jon R. Johnson to M. O. Medford, dated July 9, 1992). Based on our review, we found the justification for Level II deviations acceptable as articulated in the October 31, 1994, submittal. Subsequent field inspections can prompt questions concerning the adequacy of corrective action plans or how they were implemented. Inspectors have in the past found some problems with the CATD corrective action plans. This can include both original plans which have no changes and those with acceptable deviations.

There were no Level I deviations (defined as those involving deviating from technical specifications, design basis, or the FSAR, or reduce safety margin) in the October 31, 1994 submittal. Based on our review of the submittal, we concur with TVA's assessment.

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There were no Level III deviations (defined as any other change to a previously approved CAP). Based on our review of the submittal, we concur with TVA's assessment.

This completes our effort on the October 31, 1994, TVA submittal.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Peter S. Tam, Senior Project Manager Project Directorate II-3 Division of Reactor Projects - I/II Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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