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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of ) Docket No. 50-390  
Tennessee Valley Authority )

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) UNIT 1 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE RELIEF REQUEST FOR SNUBBER INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS  
(TAC NO. M94672)

The purpose of this letter is to provide additional information following a teleconference with the NRC WBN Project Manager on June 26, 1997. The teleconference discussed TVA's May 23, 1997, response to Part II, Question 1 of the second request for additional information regarding the relief request for snubber inspection.

TVA's response to Part II, Question 1 of the May 23, 1997, letter, stated that the Technical Requirements Manual (TRM) did not contain visual acuity requirements for personnel performing the TRM visual examinations. Following the discussion with NRC in the above teleconference, TVA will revise Technical Requirements Instruction (TRI) 1-TRI-0-5, "Snubber Visual Inspection (Hydraulic and Mechanical)," to include visual requirements that meet American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Section XI, 1989 Edition, Paragraph IWA-2321, "Visual Acuity." That revision will require personnel to demonstrate natural or corrected near and far distance visual acuity and color discrimination testing sufficient to pass a TVA Profile 4-A Visual Examination prior to performing snubber examinations. The visual examination is an annual requirement and shall be given prior to or within 12 months of performing the visual inspections. This examination is the same visual examination provided to certified non-destructive examinations (NDE) personnel performing ASME Section XI NDE examinations.

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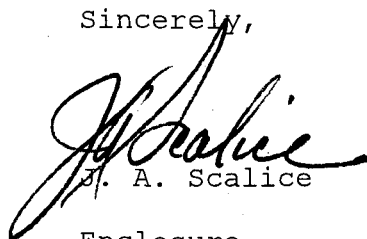


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The enclosure provides the list of commitments being tracked by this letter. If you should have any questions, please contact P. L. Pace at (423) 365-1824.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE

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COMMITMENT LIST

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