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Gentlemen:

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

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) - NRC INSPECTION REPORT 390, 391/90-09 -
COMMITMENT REVISION REGARDING TURNOVER CONTROLS FOR NOTICE OF VIOLATION

The purpose of this letter is to revise WBN's commitment regarding turnover controls made in our August 6, 1990 reply to the subject notice of violation and further clarified in our letter dated July 19, 1991.

In order to more efficiently control equipment hold orders and enhance configuration control of systems under the jurisdiction of the Start-up organization (prior to transfer to the Plant Manager's organization), WBN has evaluated the methodology described in the subject commitment. Currently, after work documents are field complete the associated equipment hold orders remain in-place until the design change documentation is closed or partially closed and the primary control room drawings updated, i.e., "redlined". In practice, this methodology provides no additional protection of equipment or personnel and is considered an unnecessary administrative burden on the hold order process in terms of configuration control where the quantity of hold orders has significantly increased. Consequently, WBN plans to form a multi-discipline group dedicated to review completed work documents and ensure the necessary work is completed before a system or portion of a system is released for operation. Subsequent to this review, associated hold orders will be released when appropriate.

The planned process change will ensure that system configuration is maintained within the design change program by the use of primary control room drawings and the associated design change documentation that is verified complete by the dedicated group. Primary drawing updates will be completed as part of the design change notice (DCN) closure or partial closure process as currently required.

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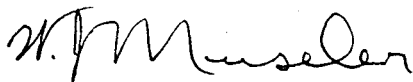
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TVA believes that the planned change to the turnover control process will help improve configuration control by the design change program and allow unnecessary equipment hold orders to be released.

The WBN Resident Inspectors have been briefed on this planned revision to the equipment turnover process. TVA intends to begin implementing this change as early as March 8, 1993. Please contact P. L. Pace at (615) 365-1824 if there are questions on this process change.

Very truly yours,



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