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Gentlemen:

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

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) UNIT 1 - NRC BULLETIN 88-09 -
THIMBLE TUBE THINNING IN WESTINGHOUSE REACTORS - CONFIRMATION OF
COMPLETION - (TAC NO. M72693)

The purpose of this letter is to provide confirmation that an inspection program to monitor thimble tube performance and corrective actions for thimble tubes which fail to meet the acceptance criterion have been established. The methodology used for this inspection is eddy current testing and the frequency is once each refueling outage.

TVA completed the initial thimble tube inspection during the WBN Unit 1 first refueling outage and the data was evaluated against the acceptance criteria. That evaluation indicated four thimble tubes would have greater than 60% wall thinning by the second refueling outage. To correct this problem, these four thimbles were repositioned. In addition, the evaluation indicated that one of those four thimble tubes would result in greater than 80% wall thinning by the second refueling outage. This thimble tube was also isolated and the thimble repositioned.

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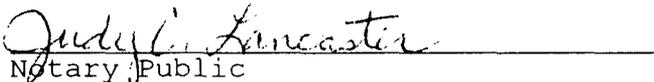
Actions concerning this commitment have been completed. If you should have any questions, please contact P. L. Pace at (423) 365-1824.

Sincerely,



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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 7th day of Nov. 1997


Notary Public

My Commission Expires 2-28-2001

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