

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1

DOCKET NO. 50-390

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON TVA'S PROPOSAL TO INSERT  
LEAD TEST ASSEMBLIES CONTAINING TRITIUM PRODUCING BURNABLE ABSORBER RODS  
INTO WATTS BAR UNIT 1 DURING CYCLE 2

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a public meeting regarding the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) proposal to insert lead test assemblies (LTA) containing tritium producing burnable absorber rods (TPBAR) in the Watts Bar Unit 1 reactor core during fuel cycle 2. The purpose of the change is to provide irradiation services to support U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) investigations into the feasibility of using commercial light water reactors to maintain the DOE inventory of tritium. This meeting is to provide an opportunity for public comment on the technical issues regarding the TVA proposal and to ensure that the public is aware of the NRC staff's review activities and has the opportunity to provide comments on them. The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on August 7, 1997, in the Quality Inn located in Sweetwater, Tennessee. The meeting will be transcribed and will be open to the public.

The structure of the meeting shall be as follows:

Thursday, August 7, 1997:      7:00 p.m. - NRC Opening Remarks  
   7:15 p.m. - DOE Program Description  
   7:45 p.m. - TVA Presentation  
   8:00 p.m. - NRC Review Description  
   8:30 p.m. - Public Comments  
   9:00 p.m.- Meeting Adjourns

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Members of the public who are interested in presenting comments relative to TVA's proposal should notify the project manager, at the number given below, 5 working days prior to the meeting. A brief summary of the information to be presented and the time requested should be provided in order to make appropriate arrangements. Time allotted for presentations by members of the public will be determined based upon the number of requests received and will be announced at the beginning of the meeting. Time permitting, additional, unscheduled presentations will be considered. The order for public presentations will be on a first-receive, first-to-speak basis. Written statements will also be accepted and included in the record of the meeting. Written statements may be presented at the meeting or mailed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mailstop O-14B21, Attn: R.E. Martin, Washington, DC 20555.

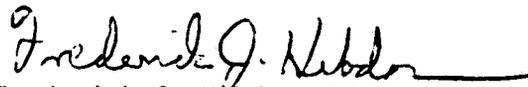
Requests for the opportunity to present information can be made by contacting R.E. Martin, Project Manager, Division of Reactor Projects I/II at (301) 415-1493. Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the project manager 1 or 2 days prior to the meeting to be advised of any changes.

For further details with respect to this action, see TVA's application for amendment of the Watts Bar Unit 1 operating license dated April 30, 1997, the NRC staff's Request for Additional Information (RAI) dated May 29, 1997, TVA's responses to the RAI dated June 18, 1997 and the NRC staff's RAI dated June 24, 1997. These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW.,

Washington, DC and at the Local Public Document Room in the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Library, 1001 Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of July 1997.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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