

August 25, 1997

Tennessee Valley Authority
ATTN: Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley, Jr.
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SUBJECT: ALLEGATION NO. RII-1997-A-0169

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recently received information concerning activities at your Watts Bar facility. As discussed with Mr. M. Harding of your staff, a description of the concerns is enclosed.

We request that you conduct inspections and/or investigations as appropriate to prove or disprove the concerns and that you inform us within 30 days of the date of this letter of the resolution of this matter and make the records of your completed action available for NRC inspection.

Our review of your response will include a determination that: 1) the individual conducting the investigation was independent of the organization affected by the concern, 2) the evaluator was competent in the specific functional area, 3) the evaluation was of sufficient depth and scope to substantively address the concern, 4) appropriate root causes and generic implications were considered if the concerns were substantiated, and 5) the corrective actions, if necessary, were sufficient.

Please send your response to Mr. Bruno Uryc, Director, Enforcement and Investigations Coordination Staff, Region II, with no other copies to the NRC. Please do not submit your response to the Document Control Desk. If your response contains personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information, such information shall be contained in a separate attachment, appropriately marked, so that it will not be subject to public disclosure. The affidavit required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) must accompany your response if proprietary information is included.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Oscar DeMiranda, Senior Allegation Coordinator, at (404) 562-4424.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed by
M. S. Lesser**

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Docket Nos. 50-390 and 50-391
License Nos. NPF-90 and Construction Permit CPPR-92

Enclosure: As stated

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