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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jensen  
Route 1  
Grandview, Tennessee 37337

In the Matter of  
Tennessee Valley Authority  
(Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2)  
Docket Nos. 50-390 and 50-391

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jensen:

We are happy to supplement our response of December 12, 1977 to your letter of October 24, 1977, in which you asked a number of questions about operation of the Watts Bar facility by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Generally, the Tennessee Valley Authority (Applicant) has submitted for our review a Radiological Emergency Plan (REP), dated July 12, 1977 in support of its request for operating licenses. It is a rather extensive and detailed document and should answer most of your questions. Both the Radiological Emergency Plan and the Tennessee Disaster Assistance Plan, which will be incorporated into the Radiological Emergency Plan, are available for your inspection and study at the local public document room located at the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Public Library, 1001, Briard Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee. However, by copy of this letter I am asking the NRC Staff to forward copies of these documents to you for your use.

The NRC Staff is currently evaluating the Tennessee Valley Authority's application for an operating license for the Watts Bar facility. Many of your concerns will be dealt with by the NRC Staff in its technical evaluation which will be set out in a Safety Evaluation Report. I will forward a copy of that document to you when it is completed. In addition, by copy of this letter I am asking the Environmental Project Manager to send a copy of the NRC Staff's Draft Environmental Statement for your review and comment when it is published. Also, I intend to respond further by way of a later letter to your specific questions related to what warnings you would receive and what procedures you should follow in the event of a nuclear accident, after I receive answers to these specific questions from the NRC Staff.

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You also asked specific questions about the hearing procedures as they relate to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's review of the application for an operating license.

The legal notice of an opportunity for hearing was published in the Federal Register on December 27, 1976. This resulted in a petition to intervene by one person. That petition was denied in July, 1977 for lack of standing of the person interested and the failure of that person to state at least one viable contention that the Licensing Board should consider in the decision making process.

In addition to the legal notice published in the Federal Register, newspaper advertisements announcing an opportunity for hearing were placed in local newspapers in the vicinity of the Watts Bar Facility, as follows:

- The Knoxville News Sentinel, Knoxville, Tennessee December 27, 1976
- The Chattanooga Times, Chattanooga, Tennessee December 27, 1976
- The Tennessean, Nashville, Tennessee December 27, 1976 (Requested)

We think this letter and the one to follow will be responsive to your questions. If I may be of any further assistance to you please do not hesitate to write, or call me at (301) 492-7268.

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