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Scott Newberry **US Nuclear Regulatory Commission** Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Newberry,

I have recently become aware of the NRC's plan to prepare a supplement to the Watts Bar Nuclear Power Plant Environmental Impact Statement, written in 1972 and last supplemented in 1978. I understand that public scoping hearings are not required for an EIS supplement, but the NRC should hold a series of scoping hearings concerning Watts Bar.

The public has been unable to comment on Watts Bar since the 1970's. TVA has no public utility commission. If the NRC is serious about evaluating the threat to endangered species at Watts Bar, public hearings should be part of that process. I request a written response to my letter.

Thank You,

Julia Gardner