



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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June 28, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chairman
FROM: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations
SUBJECT: WATTS BAR UNIT 1 - VIDEOTAPE MADE BY FOX TV REPORTER
INSIDE THE PLANT

The staff viewed a videotape of certain parts of the control room, upper containment, and turbine building at Watts Bar Unit 1 allegedly taken by a Fox TV reporter. The question of breach of security was considered.

Since Watts Bar has not yet received an operating license, it is not subject to the security requirements for personnel and material access that are imposed for entry into the protected area at operating plants. The NRC regulations do not address what can be filmed at a construction site, nor are there regulatory requirements for control of packages entering the site.

TVA, on its own initiative, established at Watts Bar an industrial security program that includes some measures to control personnel access. The purpose of security at construction sites is generally oriented more toward protection against theft of tools and construction materials. TVA's site entry log shows that on May 27, 1993, a visitor identified as Daniel Goldfarb, a lawyer, was signed in and escorted into the site by a TVA employee.

For sites under construction containing special nuclear material (SNM) of low strategic significance on site, as is the case for Watts Bar, certain requirements contained in 10 CFR 73.67(f) must be met. These requirements are directed toward protecting the nuclear fuel assemblies from theft or diversion, and require that the assemblies be stored in a monitored and controlled access area so that an unauthorized penetration or other such activities would be detected and responded to. Watts Bar has in place a Fuel Storage Physical Security Plan dated October 11, 1991 which adheres to 10 CFR 73.67(f). Access to the new fuel could not have been gained without removing physical barriers covering the vertical storage containers which would require use of plant equipment and activate alarms in the control room. The videotape shows no indication that the cameraman entered the controlled fuel storage area.

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The fuel storage plan will be superseded when the more stringent physical security requirements of 10 CFR 73.55 (physical protection of licensed activities in nuclear power reactors against radiological sabotage) are implemented, which will be accomplished 1 to 2 months before fuel loading.

The NRC does not have any concerns about security at Watts Bar as a result of this incident.

**Original signed by
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