



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

August 15, 1996

Ms. Jane A. Fleming  
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Dear Ms. Fleming:

By letter dated January 25, 1996, you requested that the Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) implement a full and impartial review of the entire licensing process for the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 (Watts Bar) operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA or Licensee), examining both the implementation of the review procedures used by the NRC staff and the validity of the information presented by TVA. You also requested that the Chairman suspend or revoke the low-power operating license for Watts Bar until such a review is satisfactorily completed and the issues in dispute are resolved. Finally, you requested that if the information provided is not adequate to initiate an independent review by the Chairman of the NRC, then the information be accepted as a Petition pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206. In the 2.206 context, you requested that the issues in your Petition be reviewed by impartial staff members. You supplemented your Petition with another letter dated January 30, 1996, to the Chairman of the NRC.

The Commission directed the NRC staff to treat your letter as a 2.206 Petition, in accordance with established procedures. On February 7, 1996, I acknowledged receipt of the Petition and denied any request for immediate suspension or revocation of the low-power license for Watts Bar. I also informed you that action would be taken on the Petition in a reasonable time.

For the reasons given in the enclosed Final Director's Decision (DD-96-11), I have denied your Petition. A copy of the Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission's review in accordance with 10 CFR § 2.206(c). As provided by that regulation, the Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date it is issued, unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the Decision within that time. The documents cited in the enclosed Decision are available for review at the NRC Public Document Room (2120 L Street NW, Washington, D.C.) and at the Local Public Document Room for Watts Bar which is located at the Chattanooga-Hamilton Library, 1001 Broad Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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I have also enclosed a copy of the notice of "Issuance of Final Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206." This notice contains the complete text of DD-96-11 and is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,



William T. Russell, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosures: 1. Final Director's Decision (DD-96-11)  
2. Federal Register Notice

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