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Ms. Jane A. Fleming  
National Nuclear Safety Network  
8 Oceanwood Drive  
Duxbury, MA 02332

Dear Ms. Fleming:

I am responding to your letter of July 27, 1995, to Dr. Shirley A. Jackson, Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in which you requested two public meetings concerning the licensing of the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant.

As you discussed with Roy Zimmerman, the staff has been planning public meetings near the Watts Bar site. The first meetings will be on September 5, 1995, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Quality Inn in Sweetwater, Tennessee, to obtain public comments and respond to questions. The staff has scheduled two meetings to accommodate the availability of members of the public. The NRC requests that, to the extent practical, persons having questions regarding Watts Bar provide them in writing to the NRC before the public meetings begin. The NRC staff will respond to questions and comments during the meetings to the extent practical and appropriate. In addition, the meetings will be transcribed and the comments and concerns will be addressed as part of the licensing decision process, if appropriate. I recommend that you encourage members of the public interested in Watts Bar to attend one of the meetings. The staff has also scheduled a meeting with TVA on September 6, 1995, on the results of the Hot Functional Testing, Phase 2 (HFT 2). The meeting will be held at the Watts Bar site to allow the public to observe the meeting.

In addition, the staff has scheduled two meetings with TVA on September 7, 1995, in its Rockville, Maryland office. The first meeting will be on the status of completion of Watts Bar, and will be open to the public to observe. The second meeting will be related to ongoing investigations by the TVA Inspector General and other related matters and will be closed to public observations. I will send copies of the notices for these meetings to you when they are finalized.

In your letter you referenced several inspection reports issued by the NRC staff. The information contained in these documents is part of the public record associated with Watts Bar. If you have information about deficiencies in the design or construction of Watts Bar, or information contrary to what the staff set forth in any of its reports, we request that you contact

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Mr. Al Ignatonis of the Region II Enforcement and Investigation Coordination staff at (404) 331-4194, as soon as possible, to ensure that your allegations are properly addressed. Mr. Ignatonis will accept collect calls.

I trust this reply responds to your request for public participation meetings concerning the licensing of the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

William T. Russell, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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