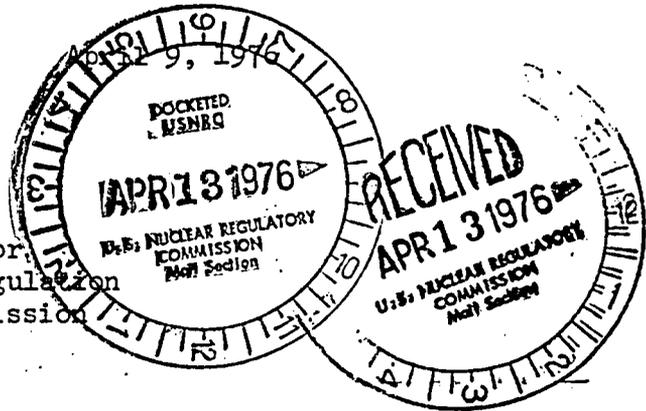




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Mr. Benard C. Rusche, Director,
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Rusche:

In the Matter of the Application of) Docket Nos. 50-390
 Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-391

My letter dated February 26, 1976, to Roger S. Boyd stated that TVA expects to submit its final safety analysis report regarding the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant in June 1976. Based on conversations between members of our respective staffs, it appears that the NRC is not certain whether it should schedule staff time to review an environmental report for this project. Since TVA has undertaken the lead agency role for this project in accordance with the interagency agreement reached in 1971, an environmental report is not necessary for the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (see letter dated June 30, 1971, from H. L. Price, AEC, to J. E. Watson, TVA).

TVA is reassessing its environmental analysis of this project to determine if the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Environmental Statement contains the most current information. Upon completion of this study, we shall inform you of the results.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Gilleland

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