

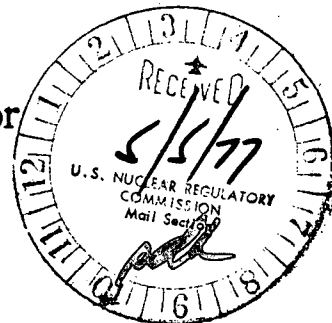


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Dear Sir:

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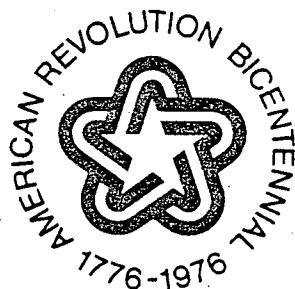
This is in reply to your letter dated March 23, 1977, concerning the relocation of the blowdown diffusers at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. Representatives of this Service met with representatives of your staff and Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) on February 23, 1977, to participate in a field inspection of the project area and to discuss problems relating to the location of the diffuser within the area designated by the State of Tennessee as a mussel sanctuary.

It appears that locating the plant's blowdown diffusers 1,000 feet upstream of the originally proposed location would not have a significant adverse effect on the fish and wildlife resources of the area. The mussel beds in that area are located on the opposite side of the streambed from the plant.

Sincerely yours,

Ray K. Langston

Deputy Regional Director



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