

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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February 8, 1985

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Attention: Ms. E. Adensam, Chief  
Licensing Branch No. 4  
Division of Licensing  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Ms. Adensam:

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Tennessee Valley Authority

Docket Nos. 50-390  
50-391

On January 22 and February 6, 1985, TVA and NRC representatives met to discuss various TVA requested revisions to the draft Watts Bar Nuclear Plant unit 1 Technical Specifications. One of the issues which was discussed was TVA's requested revisions to technical specification 3/4.4.6.2 regarding Reactor Coolant System (RCS) pressure isolation valve (PIV) leakage criteria. By letters dated July 27, 1983 and June 19 and July 27, 1984, TVA had requested that the present technical specification allowable RCS PIV leakage limit of 1 gpm be increased to the more appropriate plant specific design value of 9 gpm.

The NRC Staff has under generic review a proposal which, in-part, would limit the allowable RCS PIV leakage to one-half gpm for each nominal inch of valve size up to a maximum of 5 gpm.

During the January 22nd and February 6th meetings, TVA requested that the proposed leakage criteria under generic review be incorporated into the Watts Bar unit 1 Technical Specifications before issuance of the unit 1 license. NRC representatives present at the meetings indicated that the Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) would be performing a review of this proposal in the near future and that TVA's requested technical specification change could not be granted until completion of the CRGR review.

By this letter, TVA formally requests that the proposed leakage criteria under review by CRGR be adopted into the Watts Bar Technical Specifications upon completion of the CRGR review. Enclosed are the corresponding revisions to the Watts Bar Technical Specifications along with the basis/justifications supporting the revisions.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch with D. B. Ellis at FTS 858-2681.

Very truly yours,

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*J. A. Domer*

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Nuclear Engineer

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1985.

Paulette W. White

Notary Public

My Commission Expires 8-24-88

Enclosure

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