

Docket No. 50-390
and 50-391

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Mr. S. A. White
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Dear Mr. White:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERN ITEMING 2.1 (Part 2) OF
GENERIC LETTER 83-28 FOR THE WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

The staff has reviewed your November 7, 1983 letter regarding Item 2.1 (Part 2) of Generic Letter 83-28 and has determined the need for additional information in order for us to complete our review. Attached is an explanation of our concerns.

In summary, we request TVA provide a brief description of the NSSS vendor interface program that describes its function and duration, and assures the staff that all applicable information will be received on a timely and periodic basis. We request TVA provide this information within 60 days of receipt of this letter to expedite closure of the staff review of this item. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the project manager, T.J. Kenyon at (301) 492-7377.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated

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Request for Additional Information
Item 2.1 (Part 2), Generic Letter 83-28

The staff has reviewed information submitted by letter dated November 7, 1983 in response to Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.1 (Part 2), Vendor Interface Program against our revised review guidelines for this item as described below.

The staff is aware that the large majority of the reactor trip system components and equipment are supplied as part of the NSSS and would be covered under an existing interface program with the NSSS vendor. Accordingly, the staff review guideline now requires that the response include a brief description of the interface program between the licensee and his NSSS vendor that is sufficient to confirm that (a) the program is currently in place and functioning; (b) the program will continue throughout the life of the plant; (c) periodic contact is made with the vendor to assure that all applicable information has been received; (d) a system of positive feedback is used with the vendor such as written licensee verification of receipt of mailed technical information; and (e) confirmation that applicable vendor information is incorporated or referenced into appropriate plant instructions and procedures.

The staff's evaluation of the applicant's submittal indicates:

- (a) A vendor interface exists with the NSSS vendor but no description of how it functions is presented.
- (b) No information is presented that would indicate that the NSSS vendor interface program will continue throughout the plant life.
- (c) The submittal states that NSSS vendors supply information but does not indicate that periodic contact is initiated and maintained which assures that all applicable information is received.
- (d) No information is presented regarding positive feedback means used with the vendor to assure licensee receipt of mailed vendor technical information.
- (e) Information supplied in the submittal of November 7, 1983 demonstrates that an acceptable procedure for handling, evaluating and incorporating or referencing reviewed vendor technical information into plant instructions and procedures exists.

The staff concludes that TVA needs to supplement its response to include a brief description of its NSSS vendor interface program that describes its functioning; confirms that the program will remain functional throughout the plant life; confirms that periodic contact with the vendor is initiated and maintained which assures that all applicable information is received, and describes a positive feedback method that is applied to assure licensee receipt of technical information issued by the vendor.

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