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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

SUBJECT: WATTS BAR UNIT 1 - CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM (CAP) FOR REPLACEMENT PARTS, REVISION 3 (TAC 71922)

By letter dated July 31, 1990, Mr. E. G. Wallace of your staff submitted Revision 3 of the CAP plan for replacement parts. We have completed our review of that submittal. As stated in the enclosed safety evaluation, we find Revision 3 to be acceptable. The review was performed by Mr. R. Wharton.

Our review, however, disclosed a possible program implementation issue. We have performed an on-site review of a similar Replacement Items Program at Sequoyah and raised significant concerns regarding the generic dedication process. A detailed discussion of these concerns is contained in a letter from B. D. Liaw to O. D. Kingsley, dated May 25, 1990. We determined that the dedication process implemented during the Sequoyah inventory review did not provide reasonable assurance that the warehouse inventory parts would be suitable for service in safety-related applications. TVA responded to the staff's May 25, 1990 letter by a reply dated August 15, 1990. The Sequoyah review is still ongoing.

We believe that the Watts Bar Replacement Items Program is similar to Sequoyah's and you should therefore address these implementation concerns as stated in our May 25, 1990 letter regarding Sequoyah. It is our understanding that a TVA contractor is currently working to resolve this Watts Bar concern. We will track resolution of this concern as part of our efforts on this CAP.

Sincerely,

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