Docket Nos. 50-390 and 50-391

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Dear Mr. Nauman:

SUBJECT: WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 - JUSTIFICATION FOR USE OF T-SAT TO APPROXIMATE T-COLD IN THE AUXILIARY CONTROL ROOM (TAC 63607)

By letter dated September 26, 1985, TVA requested a deviation from Section III.L.2.d of Appendix R (fire protection), 10 CFR 50. Specifically, the deviation involves use of steam generator saturation temperatures (T-sat) to approximate reactor coolant system cold leg temperatures (T-cold). Section III.L.2.d requires direct reading of the process variables such as T-cold.

We have completed our review of your justification for using T-sat to approximate T-cold in the Auxiliary Control Room. The pertinent guidance document should be Standard Review Plan (SRP) Section 9.5.1 (not Appendix R of 10 CFR 50, which covers plants licensed before January 1, 1979). We found your justification an acceptable deviation to the guidelines of SRP 9.5.1, as described in detail in the enclosed safety evaluation. The safety evaluation will be incorporated into Section 7.4.2 of Supplement No. 7 to the Watts Bar SER.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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