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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II - Suite 3100
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 - WELDS QC BYPASSED - NCR 1803R -
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-OIE Inspector
M. Thomas in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e). Our final report on
this nonconformance was submitted on February 13, 1980.

TVA has since received a request from Mr. Thomas to evaluate the
adequacy of the proposed corrective action. In response to that
request, TVA has reviewed all nonconformance reports (NCR) issued
since NCR 1803R and has noted 23 involving instances of crafts bypas-
sing hold points and failing to comply with procedural requirements.
However, 21 of the 23 occurred before the training given on November 20
and 21, 1979, which emphasized the importance of hold points and pro-
cedural compliance. The other two instances were investigated by
craft supervision, and in one case, disciplinary action was taken.
Since only two instances have occurred in the past six months, TVA
believes the situation is under control. TVA plans to continue the
QA training and investigation of specific instances for need of
disciplinary action to ensure against future QA program breakdowns
in these areas.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch
with D. L. Lambert at FTS 857-2581.

Very truly yours,

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L. M. Mills, Manager
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