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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director Office of Inspection and Enforcement U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region II - Suite 3100 101 Marietta Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 - PILES SUPPORTING ESSENTIAL RAW COOLING WATER (ERCW) PIPE SLAB NOT DRIVEN TO DRAWING SPECIFICATIONS.- NCR CDB 79-3 - SECOND INTERIM REPORT

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-OIE Inspector M. Thomas on May 4, 1979, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e). A first interim report was submitted on June 4, 1979. We expect to submit our next report by April 11, 1980.

TVA has completed an investigaton of both soil samples from beneath the ERCW pipe slab and actual slab settlement data. Subsequent analysis based on the results of these investigations has not provided a definitive answer as to the suitability of the ERCW pipe slab to perform its intended function. Therefore, TVA will perform a pile load test to establish both the load capacity of the existing piling and an allowable design value for any additional piling that may be required.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch with D. L. Lambert at FTS 854-2581.

Very truly yours,

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