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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 - STEAM GENERATOR WATER LEVEL
REFERENCE COLUMN ERROR - NCR MEB 79-33 - FIFTH INTERIM REPORT

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-OIE Inspector M. Thomas on July 6, 1979, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e). Interim reports were submitted on July 30, 1979, September 27, 1979, June 20, 1980, and August 22, 1980. We expect to provide additional information by January 15, 1981.

Technical and contractual evaluations are being made between TVA and Westinghouse for the installation of microprocessors to compensate the level transmitter outputs for water density changes. A test is to be run to determine the number of temperature sensors required for each microprocessor.

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

Very truly yours,

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