

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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March 29, 1982



Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Ms. E. Adensam, Chief
Licensing Branch No. 4
Division of Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Ms. Adensam:

In the Matter of the Application of ) Docket Nos. 50-390
Tennessee Valley Authority ) 50-391

On March 22, 1982, a meeting concerning Watts Bar Nuclear Plant was held between TVA and the NRC to discuss the Watts Bar quality assurance program. At that time, TVA was informed of the NRC position that the fuel handling machine and reactor vessel head lifting machine should be listed as being subject to the pertinent provisions of the operational quality assurance program.

The fuel handling machines, including the spent fuel handling tools, are currently on the Operational Quality Assurance Manual (OQAM) list. This equipment is included in the fuel transfer system section. Equipment and tools used in the movement of spent fuel falls in this category of the OQAM list. The Critical Systems, Structures, and Components (CSSC) List's basic intent is to list equipment that is utilized to prevent, mitigate, or aid in the recovery of any postulated accidents. TVA does not consider the reactor vessel head lifting rig to fall into this category. This does not mean the equipment is not inspected or tested. This equipment is checked out before use in accordance with the appropriate plant instructions.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch with D. P. Ormsby at FTS 858-2682.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

[Handwritten signature: L. M. Mills]

L. M. Mills, Manager
Nuclear Regulation and Safety

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 29th day of March 1982

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires 4/4/82

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