



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Docket Nos: 50-390
and 50-391

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Dear Mr. Parris:

Subject: Use of AWS D1-1 at the Watts Bar Facility

On February 10, 1984, we met with your staff to discuss welding codes used at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 (see meeting summary dated March 1, 1984). During that meeting, TVA explained how the TVA General Construction Specification (GCS) G-29c clarified the structural Code AWS D1-1. It was the staff's understanding that the meeting was requested by TVA to resolve an internal question raised by a member of your staff regarding whether or not the NRC was aware of the use of GCS G-29c.

A concern has been raised within the staff whether this matter has been satisfactorily resolved. To address this concern, please submit responses to the following questions:

- (a) Was the TVA employee raising this concern satisfied with the resolution of this issue as documented in the March 1, 1984, meeting summary?
- (b) Was the TVA employee concerned over the adequacy of GCS G-29c as applied to AWS D1-1, or was he only concerned that the staff may not be aware of its existence?
- (c) Is TVA aware of any differing opinion today regarding the adequacy of GCS G-29c as applied to AWS D1-1?

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the project manager, T. J. Kenyon, at FTS 492-7266.

The reporting and/or recordkeeping requirements contained in this letter affect fewer than ten respondents; therefore, OMB clearance is not required under P.L. 96-511.

Sincerely,

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