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Docket Nos: 50-390
and 50-391

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Dear Mr. Parris:

Subject: Interpretation of Watts Bar Final Draft Technical Specification
4.8.1.1.2.f.11

By letter dated March 1, 1985, your staff forwarded an interpretation of Surveillance Requirement 4.8.1.1.2.f.11 of the Watts Bar Technical Specifications based on a telephone conversation with the NRC technical specification reviewer for the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1. This letter is to notify you that interpretation is not correct. The proper interpretation of Surveillance Requirement 4.8.1.1.2.f.11 is that each diesel generator is verified not to start with the lockout feature of the engine overspeed or 86 GA lockout relay or emergency stop in effect. Actual overspeed of the diesel generator is not required or desired to place the engine overspeed lockout feature in effect because manual actuation of the overspeed mechanism and lockout feature are available.

During a telecon on March 7, 1985, the staff notified TVA of this position, and that surveillance procedures should not be generated based on the interpretation presented in the March 1, 1985 letter. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the project manager, T. J. Kenyon, at FTS 492-7266.

Sincerely,

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Thomas M. Novak, Assistant Director
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