

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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May 31, 1985

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Ms. Elinor G. Adensam, Chief
Licensing Branch No. 4
Division of Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Ms. Adensam:

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

Please refer to our letter dated March 27, 1985 which provided responses to various NRC staff questions regarding the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Initial Test Program.

As requested by NRC question 413.26, we stated in the referenced letter that the acceptance criteria for SU 3.9, "Natural Circulation Test," as specified in SU 1.1, "Startup Test Program Master Sequence," would be revised to state "as many licensed operators as possible have been trained in the initiation, maintenance, and recovery from the natural circulation transient." Upon review of our response, NRC staff representatives requested that a conference call be held to ensure that the staff fully understood our program with respect to operator training. During this conference call between TVA and NRC representatives, held May 15, 1985, TVA was requested to clarify its program in this area.

SU 3.9 is being performed to address the recommendations contained in NUREG-0737, Item I.G.1, "Training During Lower Power Testing." As specified in our 0737 submittal dated September 14, 1981, the test will be repeated several times to allow all available licensed operators to participate in the initiation, maintenance, and recovery from natural circulation. We anticipate that between 80 and 90 percent of our operators will be available during this testing.

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Additionally, as mentioned in our 0737 submittal, all our licensed operators receive training on natural circulation. This training consists of both classroom and simulator time.

Very truly yours,

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J. A. Domer, Chief
Nuclear Licensing Branch

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 31st day of May 1985

Paulette N. White
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 8-24-88

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