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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF ACTION - WATTS BAR UNITS 1 AND 2 DOCKET NOS. 50-390  
AND 50-391

This letter refers to the telephone conversation on August 23, 1985, between Mr. R. D. Walker of this office and Mr. H. G. Parris of TVA concerning inadequate and potentially inaccurate records of welder recertifications at Watts Bar Nuclear Power Station.

With regard to the matters discussed, it is our understanding that effective August 23, 1985, you are stopping all safety-related welding activities at Watts Bar until the following actions are taken:

1. Conduct a thorough review of your program for recertification of welders conducting American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code or American Welding Standard (AWS) welding activities.
2. Determine if ASME and AWS welding activities have been conducted by properly certified welders.
3. Determine the safety significance of any welding activities conducted by uncertified welders including appropriate technical justifications.

Prior to resuming safety-related welding activities at Watts Bar, you will obtain the concurrence of this office.

Reports of your findings and corrective actions with respect to the above three actions will be submitted to this office. This is in addition to any other NRC reporting requirements.

If your understanding of our discussions is different from that stated above, please inform this office immediately.

Sincerely,

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