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Tennessee Valley Authority
ATTN: Mr. H. G. Parris
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Gentlemen:

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

This letter amends our previous letter on this subject dated August 23, 1985, and responds to your letter dated September 11, 1985, which requested NRC concurrence to resume welding activities at your Watts Bar facility and provided documentation of your reviews, evaluations, and corrective actions.

With regard to our original letter, we conclude that Item 1 has been completed. However, Items 2 and 3 have not been satisfactorily completed by TVA and require additional actions. These actions will be further discussed at a future meeting with TVA. Status reports of your findings and corrective actions for Items 2 and 3 of our August 23, 1985, letter will be submitted to this office. This is in addition to any other NRC reporting requirements. Items 2 and 3 must be resolved to our satisfaction prior to Watts Bar 1 receiving a low power license.

With regard to resumption of welding activities at Watts Bar, your program for renewal of welder certifications and current program implementations have been reviewed by my staff and found acceptable. Subject to the following understandings based on a telephone conversation on September 16, 1985, between D. Verrelli, Region II and R. Shell, TVA, any individual identified as having been directly involved with falsified welder recertification records will not be allowed to conduct, supervise, or inspect safety-related welding activities until TVA management has reviewed and dispositioned the significance of their actions in this issue. We further understand that for any individual who failed the recertification program, all safety-related welds performed by such individual will be reinspected. In addition, any inspector who has been identified to be directly involved with the falsified welder recertification issue will have his or her work re-examined. With this understanding, welding activities at Watts Bar may resume when TVA management is confident these activities can be properly controlled and conducted.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
J. Nelson Grace

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Regional Administrator

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