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Dear Mr. White:

SUBJECT: WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) COMPLETION PROGRAM PLAN

This is in response to your letter dated November 9, 1987 which transmitted a proposed plan to assess the status of WBN and develop the Nuclear Performance Plan for WBN, Volume 4.

The plan for assessment of WBN must be objective and unbiased to avoid risk of rejection of the WBN Performance Plan and comprehensive to ensure all problems are identified and scoped adequately. Our review of the proposed plan identified the following concerns:

- a) The team members and the supporting staff who will perform the assessment and develop the performance plan must be independent of all activities related to WBN design, construction, and quality assurance. This means that they were never involved with any WBN activity either in their present position or in their previous professional employment. We find that at least one proposed team member had significant input to the WBN activities.
- b) The proposed team composition should be of sufficient breadth to encompass all engineering disciplines. The proposed team is deficient in at least three disciplines, instrumentation and control, electrical, and quality assurance.
- c) The proposed plan needs further definition and specific detailed milestones. The milestones should be related to the need for early NRC review and involvement in the WBN recovery process.

The revised TVA proposal which addresses the above concerns should be coordinated with the NRC Project Manager, Mr. Rajender Auluck. Mr. Auluck can be reached at (301) 492-0759.

Sincerely,

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