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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of the Application of)
Tennessee Valley Authority)

Docket No. 50-390

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) - CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM (CAP) PLAN FOR
VENDOR INFORMATION (VI)

Reference: Letter from TVA to NRC dated December 14, 1988, "Watts Bar Nuclear
Plant - Corrective Action Program Plan For Vendor Information (VI)"

Enclosure 1 provides TVA's response to questions raised by NRC in an
April 7, 1989 teleconference regarding the WBN VI CAP. Enclosure 2 is a
listing of commitments relative to the VI CAP.

As indicated in both the VI CAP and the enclosure, TVA corporate requirements
for the processing and control of vendor manuals are being developed. These
requirements will be defined in Nuclear Power Standard (NP-STD)-9.1.05,
"Review of Vendor Manuals," which will establish consistent methodologies for
the utilization and maintenance of vendor manuals at each TVA nuclear plant.
This standard is scheduled for issuance in late summer 1989. These corporate
requirements represented by this standard will be integrated into the VI CAP
following issuance. The current provisions of the VI CAP for the updating of
vendor manuals are not expected to be affected.

If there are any questions, please telephone D. E. McCloud at (615) 365-8650.

Very truly yours,

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ENCLOSURE 1

TVA response to NRC questions relating to Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN) Vendor Information Corrective Action Program (CAP) Plan

a) NRC Question: Will TVA WBN have a separate closure submittal for the Generic Letter (GL) 83-28, section 2.2.2?

TVA Response: A separate closure letter will be submitted by TVA for GL 83-28, section 2.2.2 at a later date which will address the TVA position with respect to vendor interface control as discussed in items (c), (d), and (e) below. The Vendor Information CAP will be used as a basis for the response regarding vendor manual updates accomplished within the Vendor Information CAP.

b) NRC Question: Add additional detail to the Vendor Information CAP, enclosure 2, bullet 6, to reference back to section 4.2 of the CAP.

TVA Response: The Vendor Information CAP, enclosure 2, bullet 6 is intended to commit TVA to the recurrence control activities detailed in section 4.2 of the CAP. This clarification will be incorporated in the next revision of the Vendor Information CAP.

c) NRC Question: The Vendor Information CAP does not address the following GL action item in the same level of detail as the response to GL 83-28, section 2.2.2:

"Vendors of safety-related equipment should be contacted and an interface established. Where vendors cannot be identified, have gone out of business, or will not supply information, the licensee or applicant shall assure that sufficient attention is paid to equipment maintenance, replacement, and repair, to compensate for the lack of vendor backup, to assure reliability commensurate with its safety function."

TVA Response: The Vendor Information CAP recurrence control states that vendors will be contacted as necessary to ensure that controlled vendor documents remain current. The Vendor Information CAP is intended to baseline appropriate vendor information at WBN. While procedural controls for maintenance of this baseline will be in place upon completion of the program, detailed plans for future maintenance of this information are not developed at this time.

As stated in item (a) above, the details of TVA's plans for future interface with vendors will be conveyed in a separate response to section 2.2.2 of GL 83-28. This response will provide more detail regarding established vendor interface and TVA's activities to compensate for lack of vendor backup.

d) NRC Question: The Vendor Information CAP does not address the following GL action item in the same level of detail as the response to GL 83-28, section 2.2.2:

"The program shall include periodic communication with vendors to assure that all applicable information has been received. The program should use a system of positive feedback with vendors for mailings containing technical information. This could be accomplished by licensee acknowledgment for receipt of technical mailings."

TVA Response: As described in item (c) above, detailed plans regarding established vendor interface and TVA's activities to compensate for lack of vendor backup will be appropriately described in the response to GL 83-28, section 2.2.2.

e) NRC Question: The Vendor Information CAP does not address the following GL action item in the same level of detail as the response to GL 83-28, section 2.2.2:

"It shall also define the interface and division of responsibilities among the licensee and the nuclear and nonnuclear divisions of their vendors that provide service on safety-related equipment to assure that requisite control of and applicable instructions for maintenance work on safety-related equipment are provided."

TVA Response: As described in item (a) above, detailed plans for controlling service performed on safety-related vendor equipment will be appropriately described in the response to GL 83-28, section 2.2.2.

ENCLOSURE 2

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS

- ° A separate closure letter will be submitted by TVA for Generic Letter 83-28, section 2.2.2 at a later date which will address the TVA position with respect to vendor interface control as discussed in items (c), (d), and (e) of enclosure 1. The Vendor Information CAP will be used as a basis for the response regarding vendor manual updates accomplished within the Vendor Information CAP.
- ° Corporate requirements represented by NP-STD-9.1.05 will be integrated into the VI CAP following issuance. The current provisions of the VI CAP for the updating of vendor manuals are not expected to be affected.