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Gentlemen:

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

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) UNITS 1 AND 2 - NRC BULLETIN 89-01, FAILURE OF WESTINGHOUSE STEAM GENERATOR TUBE MECHANICAL PLUGS (TAC 73220 AND 73221)

The purpose of this letter is to clarify TVA's June 16, 1989 response to the subject bulletin for WBN, with respect to the installation of Westinghouse mechanical plugs fabricated from Inconel 600 with heat numbers 3279, 3513, 3962, and 4523.

NRC's letter dated June 22, 1990, noted that TVA's June 16, 1989 letter did not explicitly commit not to install plugs from the identified heat numbers in the future in accordance with Item 2.d of the bulletin. To ensure that all Inconel 600 steam generator tube plugs are not used, the procedure for steam generator tube plugging has been revised to prohibit the installation of tube plugs made from that material.

If there are any questions concerning this issue, please telephone M. C. Bryan at (615) 365-8819.

Very truly yours,

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