

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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March 25, 1982



Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Ms. E. Adensam, Chief
Licensing Branch No. 4
Division of Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Ms. Adensam:

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

Enclosed for NRC review is information concerning the Radiological
Emergency Plan (REP) for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. Enclosure 1 provides
page 131 of the REP which addresses TVA's plans for agreements with near-
site press facilities. The conditions specified reflect those which will
exist before fuel load. Enclosure 2 provides TVA's basis for providing
written reports to offsite agencies.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch with
D. P. Ormsby at FTS 858-2682.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

L. M. Mills
L. M. Mills, Manager
Nuclear Regulation and Safety

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 25th day of March 1982

Bryant M. Lowery
Notary Public
My Commission Expires 4/4/82

Enclosures

cc: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
Attn: Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator
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ENCLOSURE 2
WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2

WRITTEN SUMMARIES TO OFFSITE AUTHORITIES CONCERNING EVENTS
IN DECLARED EMERGENCY ACTION LEVELS

The time intervals suggested in NUREG-0654, Rev. 1, for providing written summaries to offsite authorities are not appropriate when considering the seriousness of various events and the time required for an adequate investigation. The 24-hour suggested response time for Notice of Unusual Event would, in many cases, require off-hours or weekend preparation of the summary. Since these events are usually trivial in nature and because a verbal closeout is provided to the State, TVA believes completion of the summary within three days after the event is adequate. The 8-hour interval suggested for submittal of written summaries describing the events of Alerts, Site Emergencies, or General Emergencies does not allow sufficient time to investigate the event and prepare an authoritative report. TVA agrees that summaries of these more serious events should be provided to offsite authorities on a timely basis. However, verbal closeout reports followed by a written report developed in a time frame that allows for a complete and accurate description of events is much better than providing a sketchy and possibly inaccurate report immediately following the closeout. It has been TVA's experience that three working days after the termination of the event provides sufficient time to provide an orderly and complete followup report. Thus, it is TVA practice to provide all written followup reports within this time period.