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SUBJECT: WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2 – STATUS OF GENERIC
COMMUNICATIONS FOR REVIEW (TAC NO. MD6706)

Dear Mr. Bhatnagar:

By letter dated September 7, 2007, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) provided the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) with (1) a summary of the status of TVA responses to NRC generic communications issued prior to 1995 for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN) Unit 2 and (2) an initial TVA response to other Bulletins and Generic Letters issued subsequent to the licensing of WBN Unit 1. Although TVA included generic communications as part of its regulatory framework for the completion of WBN Unit 2 in its letters dated January 29 and March 13, 2008, the discussion only addressed those items that were included within NUREG-0847, "Safety Evaluation Related to the Operation of Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2," and its supplements. Thus, in a letter dated March 20, 2008, TVA provided a comprehensive list of generic communications for WBN Unit 2 that TVA had reviewed and categorized regarding the status of completion, including action items under NUREG-0737, "TMI Clarification of TMI Action Plan Requirements," with Supplement 1.

In a letter dated May 28, 2008, the NRC staff sent TVA the results of its assessment of the status of generic communications, which included topics wherein the staff did not agree with TVA's determination of the status for WBN Unit 2. Thus, the staff requested further information from TVA to reconcile the differences between TVA's determination and the staff's assessment. On July 29, 2008, TVA responded to the NRC request and provided revisions and additional justifications to reconcile the differences in the status list.

On the basis of its assessment and the review of the above information, the NRC staff finds that the status of generic communications for WBN Unit 2 listed in TVA's letter of March 20, 2008, with the revisions stated in the letter dated July 29, 2008, is appropriate. Therefore, TVA should manage the completion of its actions to address the generic communications based on the list provided in these letters. TVA should maintain and update the information presented in its status tables as actions are completed or resolved and proper documentation has been submitted to the NRC staff for review. The NRC staff also finds that TVA's commitment to provide an update to the status of generic communications at approximately 6-month intervals, including references to closure documentation, is consistent with the staff's request in the May 8, 2008 letter.

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If you have questions regarding the staff's assessment or actions requested of TVA, please contact me at 301-415-1457.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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