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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
Attn: Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

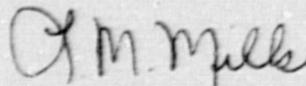
WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 - NONLEAKTIGHT CONTAINMENT ISOLATION
VALVES IN CHILLED WATER SYSTEM - WBRD-50-390/83-36, WBRD-50-391/83-36 - FINAL
REPORT

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC OIE Inspector
P. E. Fredrickson on May 17, 1983 in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e) as
NCR WBN NEB 8306. Our first interim report was submitted on June 15, 1983.
Enclosed is our final report.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with R. H. Shell at
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Very truly yours,

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ENCLOSURE

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Description of Deficiency

Containment isolation valves installed in the chilled water system are not designed to be leaktight so as to allow passage of the Type C air leakrate test (TVA-2C) as specified in 10 CFR 50 Appendix J. The affected valves are (both units):

FCV-31-305	FCV-31-326
FCV-31-306	FCV-31-327
FCV-31-308	FCV-31-329
FCV-31-309	FCV-31-330

TVA purchases containment isolation valves specified to the industry standard leakrate test for tight shutoff. This test checks for leakage under normal operating conditions utilizing the process fluid at the maximum pressure differential (ΔP) specified for the valves. As part of the containment integrated leakrate test as specified by 10 CFR 50 Appendix J, containment isolation valves are subject to a Type C leakrate test. The Type C test is a test for leakage using air at a 15 lb/in²g ΔP . All previous valves specified and tested per the industry standard test have successfully met the Type C test requirements. Although the affected valves passed the industry standard test, they did not pass, and could not be modified to pass, the Type C test. All of the affected valves were supplied by the same vendor.

Safety Implications

Failure of the affected valves to close leaktight against containment atmosphere during a design basis earthquake (DBE) could result in the uncontrolled release of radioactivity into the auxiliary building atmosphere. This could result in personnel or offsite doses in excess of those allowed by 10 CFR 100 guidelines.

Corrective Action

TVA has issued engineering change notices (ECNs) 3861 and 3864, for units 1 and 2, respectively, to replace the affected valves with other valves which have already passed a Type C air leakrate test. All required drawing revisions have been completed, and all necessary construction work will be completed by December 31, 1983.

TVA considers this to be an isolated occurrence since all other containment isolation valves, previously tested, have met the Type C test requirements. TVA will continue to purchase containment isolation valves specified to the industry standard leakrate test for tight shutoff, and will perform the Type C tests as necessary. No further action to prevent recurrence is required.