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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

SUBJECT: CONTAMINATION OF WATTS BAR LAKE

Attn: Division of Reactor Program Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Ms Jean Lee

In reply to your letter of February 1, 1996 I send you herewith an amplification and correction of your understanding of my concern as you suggested.

Watts Bar lake water which cools Watts Bar nuclear plant's radioactive core holds sediment contaminated by radioactive material. Over a lifetime of Watts Bar nuclear plant operation uncontrolled access to this lake will disturb its sediment, in turn contaminating water drawn into the nuclear cooling system. This heightened radioactive contamination of nuclear plant emission has not been previously addressed. No action is being considered to restrict lake use or to remove radioactive material. This "record of decision" by Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, state of Tennessee and Tennessee Valley Authority appears in an interagency document dated September, 1995.

I believe this concern is serious enough to warrant rescinding operation licensing of Watts Bar nuclear plant until its resolution.

By this letter I also request under Freedom of Information Act the following material for which I am not to be billed:

Tracking number for prior correspondence on the matter.
References to previous responses.
Summary report reference 1 Re. 40CFR25.4(b) (II).

I understand resolution of the issue is with Project Directorate II-3 of Division of Reactor Projects - I/II. Please keep me advised as you conduct the review. It would be inappropriate to consult with the utility in advance or to proceed without independent evaluation.

Thank you in advance for your interest and your concern. Your work strikes me as critical to our welfare and security.

Sincerely,
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