

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37902

January 9, 1986

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555**

Dear Mr. Denton:

This refers to your letter of January 3, 1986 to Hugh Parris which we discussed with you and Mr. Stelle on January 7 at NRC headquarters.

Your letter calls for a statement of corporate position with respect to whether or not 10 CFR 50 Appendix B requirements are being met at the Watts Bar facility. This letter was sent regarding the December 19, 1985 presentation by Nuclear Safety Review Staff personnel to Commissioner Asselstine on the Employee Concerns Program. In order to adequately respond to the inquiry, TVA Board concurrence would be needed, after consultation with staff. In view of this, and the fact that Steve White, who will head up our Nuclear Program, will not report for duty at TVA until January 13, you agreed to extend the January 9 due date stated in your letter. This situation apparently involves differing professional opinions within TVA, and we will expect Mr. White to look into the matter as soon as is reasonably possible. We will then respond to you with TVA's corporate position.

Sincerely,



**C. H. Dean, Jr.
Chairman**

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