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SUBJECT: WATTS BAR NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1 – ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION TO MODIFY ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL SECTION OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 5.9.2 PER TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION TASK FORCE-348 (TAC NO. MF1461)

Dear Mr. Shea:

By letter dated April 12, 2013, Tennessee Valley Authority submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN), Unit 1. The proposed amendment request seeks approval to modify WBN Unit 1 Technical Specification (TS) 5.9.2, "Annual Radiological Environmental Operating Report," to delete the reference to collocated dosimeters in relation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) thermoluminescent dosimeters program. This change is consistent with NRC-approved Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) change TSTF-348. In addition, this LAR requests to correct a cross-reference error in TS 5.9.8, "Post Accident Monitoring System (PAMS) Report," that was introduced with WBN Unit 1 Amendment 72, issued December 23, 2008 (Reference 1). The purpose of this letter is to provide the result of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this amendment request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the TSs) must fully describe the changes requested and following, as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

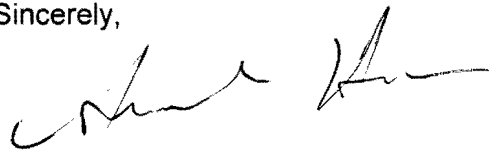
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The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it provides technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-8480.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Hon', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Hon, Project Manager
Licensing Projects Branch II-2
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
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