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Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-77 and DPR-79
NRC Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328

Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1
Facility Operating License No. NPF-90
NRC Docket No. 50-390

Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2
Construction Permit No. CPPR-92
NRC Docket No. 50-391

Subject: **Ninth Progress Update on Improved Flood Mitigation System Project**

- References:
1. Letter from TVA to NRC, "Commitment to Install Improved Flood Mitigation Systems," dated April 16, 2013 (ML13108A107)
 2. Letter from TVA to NRC, "Progress Update on Improved Flood Mitigation System Project," dated July 1, 2013 (ML13189A135)

By letter dated April 16, 2013, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) committed to install improved flood mitigation systems at the Sequoyah Nuclear Power Plant (SQN), Units 1 and 2, and the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN), Units 1 and 2 (Reference 1). TVA committed to complete implementation of the improved flood mitigation systems at SQN and WBN by December 31, 2016. TVA also committed to provide periodic written updates regarding the progress of the project. The most recent update was in a letter from TVA to NRC dated March 30, 2015 (ML15098A199).

The purpose of this letter is to provide the ninth written update regarding the progress of the improved flood mitigation system project consistent with Commitment 2 in Enclosure 2 of the Reference 1 letter and Commitment 1 in Enclosure 2 of the Reference 2 letter.

During a June 27, 2013 public meeting and in the first update (Reference 2), TVA advised the NRC that engineering design and project controls for the project were being developed consistent with TVA's existing design and project management procedures. The Project Status Schedule, provided in Table 1 of this letter, lists the major tasks associated with the design and project controls developed to implement the flood mitigation system. Table 1 is used to provide the overall status of the improved flood mitigation system project each quarter. The status of the Table 1 tasks from March 20, 2015, to June 20, 2015 is provided below.

- Task 5, Conduct Engineering Design Phase - Continues in-progress, however the scheduled finish date is revised from 07/31/15 to 10/30/15. This revised scheduled finish date is due to delays in receiving vendor information to support the system design.
- Task 6, Procure Long-Lead Items - Complete.
- Task 7, Implementation - Revised scheduled start date from 08/03/15 to 09/15/15, due to predecessor Task 5 revised scheduled finish date. No impact to the Task 7 scheduled finish date.

Overall, the project remains on schedule to complete by December 15, 2016.

TABLE 1
PROJECT STATUS SCHEDULE
 (updates shown in bold text)

| | Task | Scheduled Start | Scheduled Finish | Status |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Team Organization Structure | | 05/29/13 | Complete |
| 2 | Develop Project Plan | | 10/30/13 | Complete |
| 3 | Perform Conceptual Design Phase | | 10/30/13 | Complete |
| 4 | Perform Preliminary Design Phase | | 04/30/14 | Complete |
| 5 | Conduct Engineering Design Phase | 05/01/14 | 10/30/15 | In-Progress |
| 6 | Procure Long-Lead Items | 11/01/14 | 10/21/15 | Complete |
| 7 | Implementation | 09/15/15 | 12/15/16 | Not Started |

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TVA will provide the tenth quarterly written progress update regarding the improved flood mitigation system project by September 30, 2015, consistent with Commitment 2 in Enclosure 2 of TVA's letter to NRC dated April 16, 2013 (Reference 1).

There are no new regulatory commitments contained in this letter.

If additional information is needed regarding this update, please contact Russell Thompson at (423) 751-2567.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. W. Shea". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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