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Subject: Response to Letter, Dated November 22, 2022, Regarding Watts Bar Integrated Inspection Report
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Good Day,

Thank you for your letter of November 22 regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) third quarter integrated inspection report for the Watts Bar Nuclear plant (WBN), and for your interest in the safety conscious work environment (SCWE) at WBN. NRC recognizes the importance of a healthy SCWE, and we appreciate the opportunity to respond to your questions and observations.

Please find our responses to your questions and observations in the attached letter to this email. We have provided comprehensive responses to most questions, however in some cases, we were unable to provide fully detailed responses, as doing so may unintentionally identify specific individuals involved in our safety culture assessment. Withholding such information is consistent with the agency's identity protection guidance as found in IP 93100, "Safety-Conscious Work Environment Issue of Concern Follow-up." In preparing this response, it has become evident to us that we could have and should have been more precise and complete in conveying the technical details associated with this inspection, and more disciplined in a few of the administrative tasks associated with the report's publication. Rest assured that we are applying the lessons that we have learned from this effort to improve our communications and processing.

We have placed your letter of November 22 into the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). You can find it at ADAMS accession number, [ML22334A142](#). You can find our attached response letter at ADAMS accession number, [ML22354A190](#), scheduled for release on December 23.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at (404) 997-4545, or at Louis.McKown@nrc.gov.

Very Respectfully,

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