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March 31, 1998

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SUBJECT: ALLEGATION NUMBER RII-1998-A-0025

Dear [REDACTED]:

This is a follow-up to a letter from Mr. H. Brent Clayton of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region III office to you dated January 27, 1998, concerning potential generic problems with ice condenser containments. As indicated in the January 27, 1998, letter, your concerns were also related to Watts Bar and McGuire facilities. We opened allegation number RII-1998-A-0025 to track and respond to your concern which is denoted as concern 2 in the enclosure of the January 27, 1998, letter.

As we understand it, your concern is that the problems associated with (a) configuration and testing of containment ice condensers and (b) bay doors and components of the ice baskets, were known but not properly reported by D.C. Cook, Watts Bar, McGuire, and Westinghouse. In order for us to conduct a more meaningful follow-up to your concern, we are requesting for additional details. For example, regarding Watts Bar and McGuire facilities, what problems or deficiencies did the licensees and Westinghouse fail to properly report and when were these problems identified? What kinds of testing or surveillances were involved when the problems were identified and not reported?

We request a response on this matter within three weeks from receipt of this letter. We will advise you when we have completed our review of this matter. You can contact me by calling toll-free at 1-800-577-8510 during the office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. or respond in writing. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 845, Atlanta, GA 30301.

Sincerely,

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