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Mr. Curtis C. Overall
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Dear Mr. Overall:

As we discussed during our telephone conversation of February 2, 1999, and your fax of February 2, 1999, I would like to confirm the Office of Investigations (OI) interview of you on February 11, 1999, at 1:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in Cleveland, TN. The NRC will obtain a suitable meeting room for this interview and a court reporter. Our agenda for this interview will consist of three primary areas relating to ongoing NRC investigations.

1. Technical Service Group (TSG) Problem Evaluation Reports (PERs)

To allow Mr. Overall to supplement his Department of Labor testimony regarding the allegation that the TSG was told not to write PERs unless they related to fuel loading.

2. Ice Condenser Screws at Watts Bar

To allow Mr. Overall the opportunity to provide additional information regarding the metallurgical lab analysis reports and the Westinghouse analysis.

3. Hostile Work Environment

- a. Any information Mr. Overall may present regarding the threats he has received.
- b. Any information Mr. Overall may have regarding the parties responsible for these threats.

As with any OI interview, you will be invited to address any additional concerns you may have on the record, after these issues have been explored.

I have also received your request for a copy of the transcript of your interview. As you may be aware, OI policy in the past has been not to provide copies of transcripts to interviewees until the investigation has been completed.

We have attempted to arrange this interview on several occasions in the past five months without success due to the circumstance beyond your or our control. I believe obtaining your testimony to be very important in the conduct of any objective and professional investigation. I have

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spoken to the Director of OI and conveyed my views regarding the necessity of this interview. The Director of OI has granted an exception to our past policy and authorized me to provide you with a copy of this interview when received by OI. I must emphasize that this is an unusual exception and should underscore the importance of your testimony to OI.

Your additional fax of February 4, 1999, requested certain documents which I do not possess. I have forwarded your request to the Regional Enforcement Officer, Ann Boland, for her action. I also am forwarding your request for an appropriate engineer to be present to the Regional staff.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter. Feel free to contact me directly by fax at (404) 562-4760.

Sincerely,


William J. McNulty, Director
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