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Request for Additional Information

Tritium Production Program Interface Issue 7

Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1

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Interface Issue 7 — Light-Load Handling System

1. In Part B.III.6.A.2 of Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA's) August 20, 2001, submittal, TVA states that damage to more than 24 tritium-producing burnable absorber rods contained in a consolidation canister is precluded for all credible impact scenarios. What is the basis for this?
2. TVA states that an analysis was not performed for a fuel assembly falling onto a loaded consolidation canister, therefore administrative and/or design features will be in place to preclude damage. What are the specific administrative and /or design features, and when will these be implemented?

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