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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of  
Tennessee Valley Authority

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Docket No. 50-390

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) UNIT 1 - NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY  
(RIS) 2006-15 - PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING OF OPERATOR LICENSING  
EXAMINATIONS

RIS 2006-15 was issued by NRC on August 14, 2006, and requested information regarding WBN's projected operator licensing examination schedules and the estimated number of applicants. The enclosure to this letter addresses NRC's request and provides an estimate of the examination requirements for WBN on NRC Form 536.

There are no regulatory commitments in this submittal and should there be questions regarding this letter, please telephone me at (423) 365-1824.

Sincerely,

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**NRC Form 536 - Operator Licensing Examination Data**

**OPERATOR LICENSING  
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to [infocollect@nrc.gov](mailto:infocollect@nrc.gov), and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

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Watts Bar Nuclear Plant

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**A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

| PROPOSED NUMBER                                    | CY <u>07</u> | CY <u>08</u> | CY <u>09</u> | CY <u>10</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 0            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS      |              |              |              |              |

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

| PROPOSED NUMBER                              | CY <u>07</u> | CY <u>08</u> | CY <u>09</u> | CY <u>10</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS                  | 0            | 0            | 7            | 5            |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT | 0            | 9            | 7            | 5            |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE | 0            | 3            | 2            | 4            |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| PROPOSED DATES                               |              |              |              |              |
| PRIMARY DATE                                 |              | 01/28/2008   | 09/14/2009   | 09/27/2010   |
| ALTERNATE DATE                               |              |              |              |              |

**C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE**

| PROPOSED NUMBER                | CY <u>07</u> |      |           |          | CY <u>08</u> |      |           |          |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------|-----------|----------|--------------|------|-----------|----------|
|                                | MARCH        | JUNE | SEPTEMBER | DECEMBER | MARCH        | JUNE | SEPTEMBER | DECEMBER |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES | 3            |      |           |          | 9            |      |           |          |