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## **MATTHEW CORRELL SENTENCED FOR FALSIFYING WORK RECORDS AT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT**

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. - Matthew Correll, 31, of Hixson, Tenn., was sentenced today in U.S. District Court, Chattanooga, to serve two years of probation and 100 hours of community service, by the Honorable Curtis Collier, U.S. District Judge. The sentence was the result of a guilty plea by Correll on October 8, 2011, to a federal grand jury indictment charging him with falsifying work records at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Watts Bar Nuclear Facility.

As part of the plea agreement, Correll stipulated that in August, 2010 he completed TVA forms purporting to state micrometer readings of cables that had been installed to provide energy to equipment, including safety equipment, inside the containment structure at Unit 2 of the Watts Bar nuclear plant in Spring City, Tenn. Correll made approximately 200 entries. After the entries were submitted, it was discovered that they were either inaccurate or purported to be measurements of cables that did not in fact exist. He was questioned and admitted that he had falsified all of the entries.

The indictment and guilty plea of Correll were the result of a 13-month investigation conducted by the TVA Office of the Inspector General. Assistant U.S. Attorney James T. Brooks represented the United States.

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