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References: Letter dated January 11, 2000, from G. M. Good,
NRC, to O. L. Maynard, WCNOC

Subject: Docket No. 50-482: Response to Inspection Report
50-482/99-21.

Gentlemen:

This letter transmits the clarification of a statement contained in NRC Inspection Report 50-482/99-21 regarding Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation's (WCNOC) intended actions pertaining to an observation documented in the report. On pages eleven and twelve of the report the Inspectors observed that the scope and frequencies of the audits reviewed met all requirements for audit performance. The Inspectors also noted that the new continuous audit process made it difficult for them to determine if the required frequencies were being met, because the start/stop dates overlapped and the frequencies of the audits varied.

In conjunction with this comment, the report also contained this sentence:

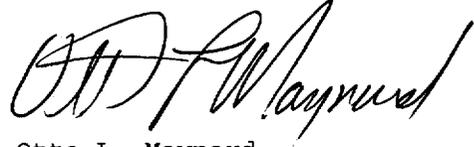
"The licensee stated that the continuous audit program would be reviewed and that the quality assurance procedures would be revised to clearly demonstrate that the above program audits would be performed and completed at the required frequencies."

WCNOC would like to clarify this statement. Contrary to the wording of the inspection report, the statement made by the Manager Performance Improvement and Assessment was that this opportunity would be used to ensure that the current audit process was complying with the audit and frequency requirements. This review has been completed and no changes to the process were determined to be necessary.


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Attachment I to this letter identifies commitments contained in this correspondence. If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact me at (316) 364-4000, or Mr. Michael J. Angus, at (316) 364-4077.

Very truly yours,



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Attachments

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LIST OF COMMITMENTS

The following table identifies those actions committed to by Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC) in this document. Any other statements in this submittal are provided for information purposes and are not considered to be commitments. Please direct questions regarding these commitments to Mr. Michael J. Angus, Manager Licensing and Corrective Action at Wolf Creek Generating Station, (316) 364-4077

COMMITMENT	Due Date/Event
NONE	