

WOLF CREEK

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Reference: 1) Letter ET 05-0028, dated November 29, 2005, from T. J. Garrett, WCNOC, to USNRC

2) Letter ET 97-0031, dated May 23, 1997, from R. A. Muench, WCNOC, to USNRC

Subject: Docket 50-482: Withdrawal of 10 CFR 50.55a Request I1R-51 for the First Ten-Year Interval Inservice Inspection (ISI) Program

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this submittal is to withdraw Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC) 10 CFR 50.55a Request I1R-51 (Reference 1).

During completion of the Second Inservice Inspection (ISI) Interval, WCNOC identified that Relief Request I2R-21 (Reference 2) incorrectly reported an examination of the reactor vessel outlet nozzle-to-shell welds in Interval 2 when it should have been for Interval 1. This examination was performed during Refueling Outage (RF) 8 in the spring of 1996, which was during both the end of ISI Interval 1 and the beginning of ISI Interval 2. To correctly reflect the examinations performed and correct the legal basis for completion of Interval 1, Reference 1 requested that I2R-21 be withdrawn and replaced by an Interval 1 10 CFR 50.55a Request (Request I1R-51).

On July 5, 2006, 10 CFR 50.55a Request I1R-51 was discussed in a telephone call between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Project Manager for WCNOG and WCNOG staff. The NRC Project Manager informed WCNOG that the NRC cannot approve retroactively back to Interval 1 due to the time that has elapsed between the end of Interval 1 and when I1R-51 was submitted for NRC review (approximately 10 years). WCNOG is withdrawing 10 CFR 50.55a Request I1R-51 based on the discussions with the NRC and since the purpose of the request is to correct an administrative error. Examinations of the reactor vessel outlet nozzle-to-shell welds have been completed consistent with the ASME Code requirements and limitations have been addressed by relief from 10 CFR 50.55a.

There are no commitments associated with this submittal. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (620) 364-4084, or Mr. Kevin Moles at (620) 364-4126.

Sincerely,



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