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SUBJECT: ERRATA FOR WOLF CREEK GENERATING STATION - NRC PROBLEM
IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION INSPECTION
REPORT 05000482/2010006

Dear Mr. Sunseri:

Please remove page 12 of NRC Problem Identification and Resolution Inspection Report 05000482/2010006 dated September 13, 2010, and replace it with the page enclosed with this letter. The purpose of this change is to correct an error that inadvertently omitted part of our assessment of the safety-conscious work-environment at Wolf Creek Generating Station.

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Sincerely,

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NRC Inspection Report 05000482/2010006, Report page 12, Errata

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addressing them. The inspectors also reviewed audit reports to assess the effectiveness of assessments in specific areas. The specific self-assessment documents and audits reviewed are listed in the attachment.

a. Assessment

The inspectors concluded that the licensee had an effective self-assessment process. Licensee management was involved in developing the topics and objectives of self-assessments. Attention was given to assigning inspectors members with the proper skills and experience to do an effective self-assessment and to include people from outside organizations. Audits were self-critical and identified deficiencies in various programs such as the corrective action program and several root cause evaluations.

.4 Assessment of Safety-Conscious Work Environment

a. Inspection Scope

The inspection team conducted four focus group sessions consisting of approximately 10 individuals randomly chosen. Focus groups were conducted with individuals from operations, maintenance, planners, and system engineers. These sessions were designed to elicit a qualitative assessment of the degree to which the participants believed Wolf Creek Generating Station management had established and maintained a safety conscious work environment and were based upon the NRC's definition of a safety conscious work environment:

An environment in which employees feel free to raise safety concerns, both to their management and to the NRC without fear of retaliation, and where such concerns are promptly reviewed, given the proper priority based on their potential safety significance, and appropriately resolved with timely feedback to employees.

Focus group participants were also asked questions in order for the team to make a qualitative assessment of Wolf Creek Generating Station's safety culture as defined by the crosscutting aspects described in NRC's Manual Chapter 0310. The team also reviewed the results of the licensee's 2008 and 2010 Nuclear Safety Culture Assessment results. In particular, the inspectors reviewed licensee actions related to issues to reverse the trend of a substantive crosscutting issue in the area of problem identification and resolution involving Wolf Creek Generating Station personnel's ability to thoroughly evaluate and prioritize problems, such that the resolutions effectively address the causes and extent of conditions. The NRC has identified four consecutive assessment cycles with this substantive crosscutting issue.

b. Assessment

Overall, the results of the focus groups were consistent with Wolf Creek's March 2010, Nuclear Safety Culture Assessment. The results indicated that Wolf Creek Generating Station had a healthy safety-conscious work environment in that workers stated they felt