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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH WOLF CREEK NUCLEAR OPERATING

**CORPORATION** 

Dear Mr. Heflin:

On October 2, 2014, members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff met with representatives of the Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC) at the NRC Region IV Office in Arlington, TX.

During the meeting, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation presented an update on the planned actions to address design problems with the essential service water system. A copy of the WCNOC presentation from the meeting is included as Enclosure 1.

During the question and answer session at the end of the meeting, members of the public asked questions of the licensee and the staff. These questions involved the costs and completion dates of the essential service water modification project.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Website at <a href="http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html">http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html</a>.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: As stated

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# Introductions



## **Process Improvements**

### Wolf Creek Engineering is the design authority:

- Make design decisions
- Approve calculations and design changes
- Dedicated engineers provide vendor oversight
- Third party reviews

### Wolf Creek Project Management improvements:

- Project controls included in contracts
- Provide construction management oversight
- Frequent communications with third party participants

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# Plant Improvements

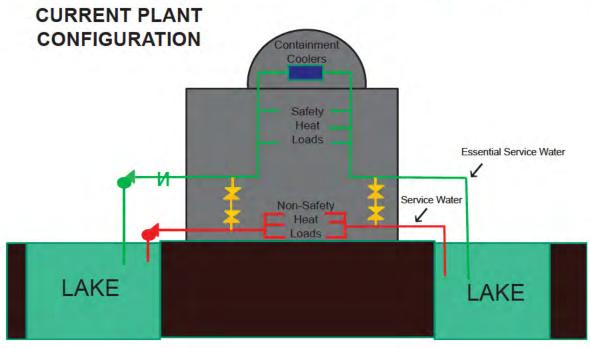
### Essential Service Water Pipe Replacement:

Replace ~200 feet of ESW piping in containment

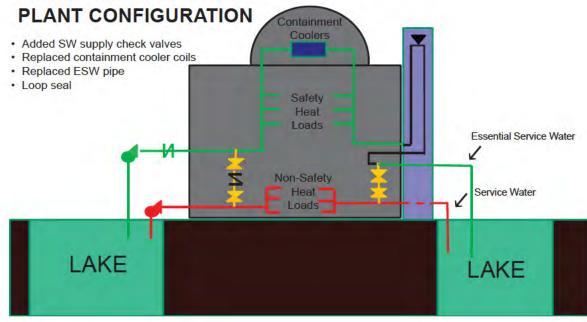
### Containment Coolers:

- RF20 Replace one cooler with stainless steel tube bundles
- > RF20 Replace three coolers with like-for-like material
- Will replace all bundles with stainless steel tubes in subsequent refuels











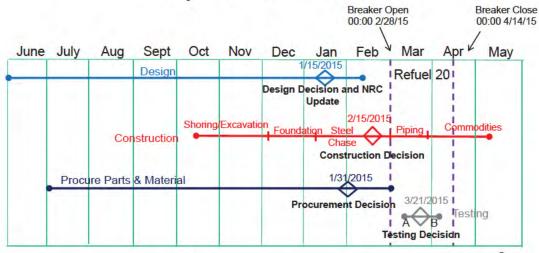




ESW Water Hammer Pipe Chase



# Implementation





# **Key Milestones**

### Design - 1/15/2015

- · Hydraulic analysis approved with satisfactory results
- Piping and pipe chase design changes support construction
   Procurement 1/31/2015
- · All ASME/safety-related valves shipped
- Fabricated steel module deliveries on track

#### Construction - 2/15/2015

- Fabricated steel structure module construction on track
- · Piping installation and supports on track

### Testing - 3/21/2015

First division of ESW testing satisfactory

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## Conclusion

- Wolf Creek has high confidence in completing these actions:
  - adding a service water supply check valve for mitigation,
  - continued replacement of ESW piping, and
  - replacing Containment Cooler coils.
- Project team is focused on loop seal installation in RF 20, but barriers may exist.

