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REGION IV

Report No. STN 50-482/79-10

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Licensee: Kansas Gas and Electric Company
Post Office Box 208
Wichita, Kansas 67201

Facility Name: Wolf Creek, Unit No. 1

Meeting Held at: Arlington, Texas (RIV Office)

Meeting conducted: April 28, 1979

Inspection and
Enforcement

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W. C. Seidle, Chief, Reactor Construction and Engineering
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W. A. Crossman
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Inspection Summary:

Enforcement meeting on April 28, 1979 (Report No. STN 50-482/79-10)

Areas Discussed: Record of items of noncompliance and effectiveness of site QA program; current and projected manning level of site QA organization; licensee's follow-up action to concrete problems with emphasis on seeing results; and possibility of escalated enforcement action in event corrective actions by the licensee are ineffective.

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DETAILS

1. Persons Contacted

Licensee Attendees

Glenn L. Koester, Vice President Operations (KG&E)
Jesse O. Arterburn, Superintendent of Nuclear Development (KG&E)
Earl W. Creel, Director, Quality Assurance (KG&E)
J. L. Sippel, Assistant Project Engineer (KCPL)

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2. Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to review the record of the licensee in regard to items of noncompliance; to discuss the licensee's follow-up action to concrete placement problems with emphasis on "seeing results"; and to discuss the possibility of escalated enforcement action in the event corrective action is ineffective.

3. Matters Discussed

The record of the licensee in regard to items of noncompliance and the manner in which RIV monitors items of noncompliance were discussed with the licensee attendees. It was emphasized that while RIV has noted some changes in the site activities, it is still too early to determine if changes are of a permanent nature. Results are of primary interest to the NRC.

The steps available to the NRC for enforcement action were discussed. The licensee representatives were informed that the next level of enforcement, in the case of KG&E, could be a Civil Penalty if the trend of noncompliance were to continue. The licensee was also informed that, next to proper management controls, a vigorous on-site licensee/contractor QA/QC program is the best preventive measure available in order to prevent items of non-compliance. QA/QC preventive audits should be emphasized with appropriate reactive audits conducted as required.

The licensee reviewed the status of their current program and changes that are being instituted for KG&E and for the constructor, Daniel Construction. These include:

- a. A study of the KG&E QA surveillance program by an outside consultant. Results will be available the first part of May 1979.

- b. A staff of eight QA auditors (plus secretary) has been assigned to the KG&E site. Various disciplines will be represented. This staff will be manned as soon as possible. This is an increase of four professionals over previous plans^{1/}.
- c. The KG&E staff under the Superintendent of Nuclear Development is to be increased. A Construction Manager is being sought. He will report to the Superintendent of Nuclear Development and be responsible for overseeing Daniel and other site construction activities.
- d. Daniel is increasing their QA staff to a full complement of six QA auditors.
- e. Changes in the on-site Daniel construction organization including additional/new people were discussed.

The RIV Director concluded the meeting by stating that a continued inspection effort will be given by RIV to observe actual results of improvements and changes presented. The Director noted that the increased inspection effort by RIV will continue until positive results are observed.

^{1/}KG&E letter to RIV dated August 10, 1978