In Reply Refer To:

Docket: STN 50-482/89-27

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation ATTN: Bart D. Withers President and Chief Executive Officer P.O. Box 411 Burlington, Kansas 66839

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. B. L. Bartlett, M. E. Skow, and D. V. Pickett of this office during the period October 1-31, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License No. NPF-42 for the Wolf Creek Generating Station, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. A. Bailey and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included plant status, operational safety verification, engineered safety features walkdown, monthly surveillance observation, monthly maintenance observation, and followup of written reports of nonroutine events. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to this violation, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the URC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter. Additionally, in accordance with Section V. A of the NRC's Enforcement Policy, no citation is being issued for another violation described in paragraph 6 of the enclosed inspection report.

One unresolved item and one open item are identified in paragraph 4 of the enclosed report.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY SAMUEL J. COLLINS

Samuel J. Collins, Director Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

 Appendix A - Notice of Violation
Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report 50-482/89-27 w/Attachment 1

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