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Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation  
ATTN: Neil S. Carns, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-482/94-02 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. W. B. Jones and a team of NRC personnel on February 14-24, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Wolf Creek Generating Station facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The purpose of this systematic assessment of licensee performance (SALP) cycle closeout team inspection was to evaluate operational activities and the implementation of supporting programs to ascertain that the facility was being operated safely. This included evaluation of the processes for identifying, resolving, and preventing problems.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain licensed activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation. The violation involved the failure to maintain piping and instrumentation diagrams in accordance with an established procedure. Although the NRC staff recognizes the relative minor safety significance in this instance associated with the identification of locked valves on piping and instrumentation diagrams; the violation is of concern because the drawing discrepancies did not receive adequate management attention until addressed by the NRC staff. Additionally, we request that you address the measures that have been or will be initiated to ensure that adequate management attention is provided to resolve the corrective action aspects of this violation.

The team concluded that the plant was staffed by competent, knowledgeable, personnel who executed their duties in a professional manner. Several strengths were noted in the area of plant operations and in the system engineering program. It was also noted that recent initiatives, such as integrated planning and scheduling have had a positive impact on work performance. A growing acceptance and use of the corrective action process was observed throughout the organization.

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We are encouraged by your improved use of the self assessment process. Our inspection team found that long-standing personnel performance and programmatic concerns were being identified and addressed. The effectiveness of this process had improved, in part, not only because of the plant staff better identifying concerns and deficiencies through the corrective action process, but also because the assessments had become more self critical. Nonetheless, many personnel performance and programmatic concerns still exist. At the time of this inspection, many of your performance improvement initiatives remained to be completed. Continued management oversight and effectiveness reviews are appropriate to ensure that improvements which have been initiated are fully realized.

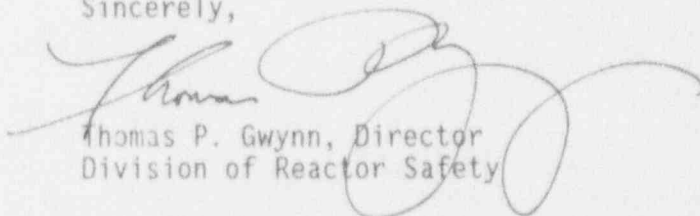
You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law 96-511.

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

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Gwynn, Director  
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report  
50-482/94-02 w/attachments

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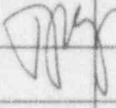
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