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License No. NPF-42
EA 91-003

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-482/90-39

This letter refers to the special inspection conducted by Mr. M. E. Skow and Ms. L. L. Gundrum of this office from December 23, 1990, through January 7, 1991. 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 those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection involved the onsite followup of an event that was identified at the Wolf Creek Generating Station on December 23, 1990. The event involved both safety injection pumps being declared inoperable in Mode 1 because of a blocked recirculation line from the pumps to the refueling water storage tank. The inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

Based on the results of this inspection, one apparent violation was identified and is being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1990). The apparent violation involves the failure to meet Technical Specification 3.5.2 operability requirements for the emergency core cooling subsystems, specifically the safety injection pumps, during plant operations. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for this inspection finding. In addition, please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

An enforcement conference to discuss this apparent violation has been scheduled for January 30, 1991, at 1 p.m. (CST) in the Region IV office. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violation, its cause and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions; and to discuss any other information that will help determine the appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the Enforcement

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Policy. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding the apparent violation is required at this time.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
50-482/90-39 w/Attachment

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