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Docket No. STN 50-482/90-37
License No. NPF-42

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
ATTN: Bart D. Withers
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-482/90-37

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. H. F. Bundy, R. B. Vickrey, and J. E. Whittemore of this office during the period December 17-21, 1990, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-42 for Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station (WCNGS), and to the discussion of our findings with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included emergency diesel generator reliability, instrument air system quality, post-maintenance testing, and corrective actions to improve weak areas noted in NRC Inspection Report 50-482/88-27. Within these areas, 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.

Within the scope of the inspection, no violations or deviations were identified. We are concerned, however, that the weaknesses identified during the maintenance team inspection were neither formally tracked nor comprehensively evaluated. Although actions had been taken in response to most of the identified weaknesses through individual manager initiative, we are concerned that the identified weaknesses were not effectively tracked. We are also concerned about the effectiveness of the ongoing efforts to improve diesel generator reliability and to establish the cleanliness and quality of the instrument air system.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
Samuel J. Collins

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Enclosure: (see next page)

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Enclosure:
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
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