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Docket No: STN 50-482/91-03
License No: NPF-42

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-482/91-03

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. J. E. Whittemore of this office and B. E. Brett, an NRC consultant, during the period January 22-25, 1991, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-42 for Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station (WCGS). At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and members of your staff.

The inspection was performed to assess programmatic elements of your training program with emphasis in the licensed operator (requalification) training area. The inspection also assessed the quality of your corrective actions that have been taken or are planned to upgrade the program to a satisfactory condition. 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. The inspection determined that there was sufficient technical expertise and training technology talent available in the WCNOG Training Division to provide an effective licensed operator requalification training program. However, there were disruptions in virtually all elements of the systematic approach to training process as it was applied to the licensed operator requalification training program. The inspection further revealed that weaknesses in the licensee's self-assessment effort has resulted in poor resource utilization which resulted in poor administration of the licensed operator training program and its supporting programs. The total effect of these disruptions and assessment weaknesses was the requalification training program failure.

We recognize that you are still in the initial stages of implementing identified corrective actions to resolve these weaknesses. We will continue to monitor the effectiveness of these actions.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Appendix - NRC Inspection
Report 50-482/91-03 w/Attachment

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