



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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Docket: 50-482
License: NPF-42

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
ATTN: Neil S. Carns, President and
Chief Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-482/94-12 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. F. Ringwald and Ms. J. L. Dixon-Herrity of this office on September 25 through November 5, 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 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 the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

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 (Notice). Although some of the specific examples of the violations are relatively minor in nature, all examples are included because they appear to involve inattention to detail and the failure to follow procedures which indicates a potential that management expectations in this area have not been well communicated or understood.

We are particularly concerned with work scheduling early in the refueling outage which led to problems such as the technician's error during maintenance on your only available train of control room ventilation that challenged the operability of the system. This is similar to your decision to proceed with testing of Valve EJ HV8716A as described in paragraph 2.4 of NRC Inspection Report 50-482/94-10 and inadvertently transferring approximately 9200 gallons of primary coolant to the refueling water storage tank. Your scheduling of maintenance that had the potential to jeopardize your only available safety-system train in each case did not appear to be necessary. We recognize that you made changes in your work scheduling prior to taking your Train B components out of service and this appears to have prevented recurrence of these types of problems.

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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, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

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

Sincerely,



A. Bill Beach, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-482/94-12

cc w/enclosures:

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