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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 50-482/91-13 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This letter refers to the inspection conducted by Ms. L. L. Gundrum and Mr. W. B. Jones of this office during the period May 16 through June 26, 1991. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Wolf Creek Generating Station. 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 examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress.

On the basis of the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The first violation pertains to a valve in the turbine driven auxiliary feedwater pump discharge flow path that was not locked in accordance with the governing procedure (paragraph 3.2). This violation is of concern because two quality assurance surveillances were performed in May 1991 in the area of locked valves and did not identify the improperly installed locking device. One surveillance was intended to specifically verify that the locking device was properly installed. The other surveillance had identified three components where the locking device was not properly installed. This indicates that previous corrective actions to correct similar problems with the locked component program have not been completely effective. The second violation identified a failure to meet certain requirements of your fire protection program (paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2). This violation is of concern because an operability evaluation was delayed and appears to be indicative of a weakness in your policy and procedures for making prompt operability determinations, particularly for plant equipment that is not governed by a specific Technical Specification. This violation is also indicative of weaknesses in implementing fire protection program surveillance requirements.

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

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Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, 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 response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is 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,

Samuel J. Collins, Director  
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report  
50-482/91-13 w/attachment

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