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Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation  
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-482/92-02

This letter refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. G. A. Pick, W. D. Reckley and B. L. Bartlett and Ms. L. L. Gundrum and D. R. Calhoun during the period January 26 through March 7, 1992. 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 you and 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.

An unresolved item is identified in Section 8 of the report. Further inspection followup is necessary to determine whether your biannual procedure review process is adequate and meets applicable requirements.

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). This Notice discusses three examples of personnel errors that were caused by inadequate procedures. These examples were identified by your staff or were identified as the result of an event. In addition, this report documents three other personnel errors that did not result in a Notice of Violation. These issues are similar to the examples that were discussed in NRC Inspection Report 50-482/91-36, and they appear to be a continuation of a negative trend in the areas of personnel performance and procedural adequacy.

In your response to Violation A of NRC Inspection Report 50-482/91-36, you indicated that part of your corrective action would include a review of all general operating (GEN) and system operating (SYS) procedures to ensure that appropriate precautions/limitations are clearly incorporated. On the basis of the results of this inspection, we are concerned that the problem with procedural adequacy may be broader than just the adequacy of GEN and SYS procedure precautions and limitations, and may extend to the overall adequacy of these and other types of procedures. In addition, it is our view that these

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events as well as those cited in Violation A of NRC Inspection Report 50-482/91-36 still could have been prevented, regardless of the specific procedural deficiencies. Therefore, we have cited this violation to more fully understand your corrective actions associated with personnel errors that appear to have been caused by SYS, GEN, and other types of inadequate procedures, but also may have resulted because of other causes.

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, NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 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 enclosed 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, **Original Signed By:**  
**Thomas P. Gwynn**

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Enclosure:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report  
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