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Docket No. STN 50-482
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 50-482/91-35 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This letter refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. G. A. Pick and C. J. Paulk and Ms. L. Gundrum of this office during the period November 17 through December 17, 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 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.

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 violation is a concern because positive reactivity additions were made to the reactor coolant system without an OPERABLE boron injection path available as described by the Technical Specifications. The examples cited in the Notice occurred as a result of an inadequate procedure and a lack of understanding of the chemical makeup system (a system that affects reactivity) by a licensed operator. The November 20, 1991, event is indicative of weaknesses in the licensed operator training program.

In addition, several other problems were caused by licensee personnel during this inspection period. These other problems appeared to have been caused by inadequate procedures, inattention to detail, miscommunications, and a lack of awareness of clearance order status. Collectively, the violation cited, as well as other problems noted in this report are indicative of a need for improved performance in several different functional areas. I encourage you to review the findings of this report and take those actions that you deem appropriate to address these issues.

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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, 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:

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Enclosures:

Appendix A - Notice of Violation
Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-482/91-35 w/attachment

cc w/enclosures:

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