

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
Wolf Creek Generating Station

Docket: 50-482
License: NPF-42

During an NRC inspection conducted November 17 through December 17, 1991, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1991), the violation is listed below:

Failure to Comply with Technical Specification 3.1.2.1

Technical Specification 3.1.2.1 requires that with the plant in Modes 4, 5, and 6, a boron injection flowpath from either the boric acid storage system or the refueling water storage tank, via a centrifugal charging pump, to the reactor coolant system be OPERABLE. With none of the flowpaths operable, suspend all operations involving CORE ALTERATIONS or positive reactivity changes.

Contrary to the above, on November 19 and again on November 20, 1991 with the plant in Mode 5 and no centrifugal charging pump OPERABLE, licensed operators injected borated water at 2473 and 2040 parts per million (ppm), respectively, into the reactor coolant system. Since the reactor coolant system was at a boron concentration of approximately 2500 ppm, these actions resulted in an addition of positive reactivity.

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (Supplement I) (482/9135-01)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D. C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation; (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved; (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations; and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order may be issued to show cause why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Arlington, Texas,
this 27th day of January 1992

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