

October 31, 1991

Docket No. 50-482

Mr. Bart D. Withers
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Dear Mr. Withers:

SUBJECT: RELIEF FROM AN ASME SECTION XI CODE REQUIREMENT (TAC NO. 81286)

By letter dated August 15, 1991, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation submitted a request for relief from a requirement of Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code concerning the procurement of a replacement disc for a Residual Heat Removal System check valve. The NRC staff has reviewed the relief request and determined that although relief pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i) is not appropriate due to the lack of demonstration of hardship, an acceptable alternative to the ASME Code was provided by the procurement of this valve disc and therefore the requirements of 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i) have been satisfied and the disc can remain in service until replacement for maintenance or performance reasons is warranted. This letter grants the relief pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i).

The staff's detailed findings are provided in the enclosed Safety Evaluation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By George Dick for

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