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Ms. Michele Varricchio  
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Dear Ms. Varricchio:

This is in response to your letter relating to a Wolf Creek Generating Station construction project evaluation prepared for the Kansas Gas and Electric Company by the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO). In your letter you request that the NRC obtain the INPO Report and provide the Government Accountability Project with a copy.

The Institute of Nuclear Power Operations was established by the nuclear electric utility industry to promote excellence and improved safety and reliability in the construction and operation of its nuclear plants. INPO is funded completely by its member utilities, and is neither regulated nor licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. As such, INPO is not required to provide us with copies of construction project evaluations that are prepared for utilities.

Under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.55 (e)(i), a holder of a construction permit is required to notify the appropriate Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regional Office of deficiencies in design and construction which, if they were to remain uncorrected, could adversely affect the future operation of the power plant; and which represent, i.) a significant breakdown in any portion of the quality assurance program...or ii.) a significant deficiency in final design... or iii.) a significant deficiency in construction...or iv.) a significant deviation from performance specifications...

The above regulation requires a 24-hour notification to the NRC and submittal of a 30-day written report of any reportable deficiencies. In addition, the NRC Resident Inspectors, assisted by other specialized inspectors from the Regional Office and other staff members from the Office of Inspection and Enforcement carry out a continuing routine inspection program of construction activities at Wolf Creek. These routine inspections assure that the applicant is complying with applicable NRC requirements.

During the course of these inspections, reports such as the INPO construction project evaluation are available for NRC review at the site. Representatives of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement and Region IV have reviewed the 1983 INPO Report on Wolf Creek at the site and have concluded that it does not identify any reportable deficiencies that require NRC notification.

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Based on the above, there appears to be no basis to request that the 1983 INPO Wolf Creek construction project evaluation report be submitted to the NRC. In as much as we do not have a copy of this report, we cannot forward a copy to your organization as you have requested.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Division of Licensing

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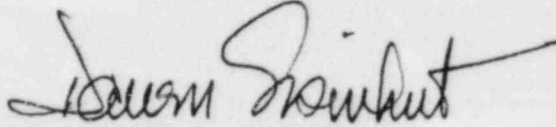
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darrell G. Eisenhut". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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