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Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation ATTN: Neil S. Carns, President and Chief Executive Officer P.O. Box 411 Burlington, Kansas 66839

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-482/95-22

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. F. Ringwald and Ms. J. L. Dixon-Herrity of this office on August 27 through October 7, 1995 at the Wolf Creek Generating Station facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with 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 examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

A noncited violation was identified, regarding the inadequacy of your safety evaluation, required by 10 CFR 50.59, to address the potential for partial draining of the spent fuel pool in the event of a failure of your planned freeze seal on a fuel pool cooling system line. Your corrective actions, in response to inadequate safety evaluations identified in NRC Inspection Report 50-482/95-07, were complete; accordingly, we are concerned that your processes for the conduct and review of safety evaluations continue to be insufficient to assure consistency in accuracy and thoroughness. We urge you to expeditiously improve your performance in this important area.

In accordance with 10 CFR 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.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

J. E. Dyer, Director

Division of Reactor Projects

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