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Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
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President and Chief Executive Officer
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-482/92-09 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. R. C. Stewart and L. D. Gilbert of this office and Mrs. P. L. Campbell of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation on June 1-5, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Wolf Creek Generating Station facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and other members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report and included your inservice testing (IST) program for pumps and valves. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interview with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

Based on 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). The violation is of concern because it indicates inadequate attention is being given to the implementation of your IST program requirements for pumps and valves.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice in 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, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

It was also found that the failure to prepare a supplier surveillance report in accordance with procedural requirements for the vendor testing and adjustment of pressurizer safety valves was a violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion V. The violation is not being cited because the criteria specified in Section VII.B.1 of the Enforcement Policy were satisfied.

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It is our understanding from discussions with your staff that your IST procedural enhancement program will be completed by March 1, 1993, and that the following issues will be addressed:

- Correlation of pump vibration limits with new pump test data points;
- Monitoring or trending local leak rate testing of valves (Appendix J testing) to establish appropriate limits for detecting degradation;
- Completion of valve surveillance test procedure revisions to include Generic Letter (GL) 89-04 guidance; and
- Clarification of interfaces between IST and other groups which have responsibility for IST activities.

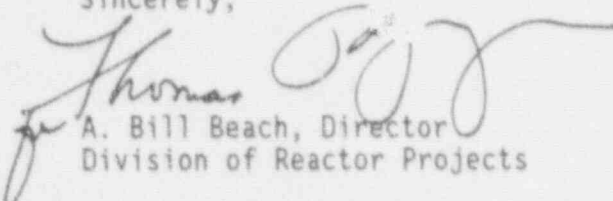
Please notify us if your understanding differs in this regard.

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.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are 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,


A. Bill Beach, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-482/92-09

cc w/enclosures:

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