OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Kansas Gas and Electric Company

Wolf Creek Generating Station

Docket No. 50-482

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$75,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars will be issued to Kansas Gas and Electric Company on or about November 21, 1984. This action is based upon a violation which is categorized as a Severity Level III problem. The violation involved a significant breakdown in the licensee's program for the inspection and correction of defective safety-related structural steel welds.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The Regional Administrator has been authorized by the Deputy Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement to sign this action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice Telephone Notification of Licensee November 21, 1984 November 21, 1984

A news release has been prepared and will be issued about the time the licensee receives the Notice. The State of Kansas will be notified

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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