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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 50-482/92-12 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This letter refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. G. A. Pick and L. E. Myers during the period May 31 through July 11, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Wolf Creek Generating Station. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and 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 examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress.

On the basis of 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). Violation A pertains to one example of failure to follow an approved procedure (Section 4.1). This violation is of concern because it is similar to other recent violations of failure to follow procedures that resulted in operational events.

Violation B pertains to two examples of Technical Specification Surveillance Requirements that were not performed within the specified surveillance interval (Sections 4.3 and 4.4). Example 1 resulted from the untimely counting of emergency diesel generator valid failures. This violation is of concern because no procedural controls existed to ensure test failures were counted in a timely manner, even though a similar violation occurred in 1989. The second example of this violation is of concern because the failure to perform Technical Specification surveillances within the specified surveillance intervals due to surveillance database problems has been a recurring problem. In both instances, previous corrective actions have not been fully effective.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when 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

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Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 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  
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report  
50-482/92-12 w/attachment

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