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MAR 4 1996

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation  
ATTN: Neil S. Carns, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-482/96-02 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
AND NOTICE OF DEVIATION

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. F. Ringwald and Ms. J. L. Dixon-Herrity of this office on December 31, 1995, through February 10, 1996, 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.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that one violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation is of concern because inaccurate presumptions resulted in workers failing to follow your procedure and, therefore, failing to ensure that your posted radiography area was unoccupied. Even though this event was identified by Wolf Creek personnel, it is being cited because it involved a high potential for unexpected radiation exposure and because corrective actions were not complete prior to the end of the inspection period.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to this Notice of Violation, 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.

In addition, during this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to deviate from your commitments in the Updated Safety Analysis Report, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Deviation. While this deviation did not

appear to result in an operability issue, we are concerned that the failure to provide procedures to comply with the minimum temperature limits could result in an operability concern.

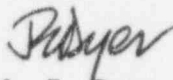
Please provide us within 30 days from the date of this letter a written statement in accordance with the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice of Deviation.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice of Violation and Notice of Deviation 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,



J. E. Dyer, Director  
Division of Reactor Projects

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License: NPF-42

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Notice of Deviation
3. NRC Inspection Report  
50-482/96-02

cc w/enclosures:

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