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Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
ATTN: Neil S. Carns, President and
Chief Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-482/96-04 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. F. Ringwald and Ms. J. L. Dixon-Herrity of this office on February 11 through March 23, 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 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 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 two violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding them are described in detail in the subject inspection report. Violation A is of concern because it indicated a gradual degradation in the quality of radiological postings in the plant and the adherence to them within your staff. Violation B is of concern because it involved the failure of a health physics technician and two workers to wear the protective clothing required by the radiation work permit for the task they were performing. Since health physics technicians set the standards for radiation worker adherence to your radiation protection program, it is essential that they effectively and properly implement radiation work permits.

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. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. 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.

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

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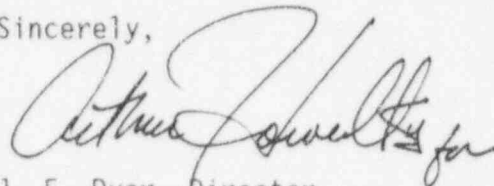
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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

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

Sincerely,



J. E. Dyer, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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License: NPF-42

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-482/96-04

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E-Mail report to M. Davis (MJD1)

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