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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. E. F. Fox, Jr., G. L. Madsen, and W. P. Haass during the period of September 25-27, 1984, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit CPPR 147, for the Wolf Creek Generating Station, and to the discussion of our findings with Messrs. R. M. Grant and C. A. Snyder, at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included the structure and implementation of the KG&E Quality First Program. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. These findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

Within the scope of the inspection, no violations or deviations were identified.

The Quality First program provides a mechanism to receive, evaluate, and resolve quality concerns which might not otherwise come to the attention of KG&E, or to the attention of the NRC. Because the program fulfills an important function, we decided to evaluate its effectiveness even though the program is not specifically required by NRC regulations. Although the NRC inspectors did not identify any violations or deviations, they did identify deficiencies requiring some correction to help ensure an effective program.

It is important to emphasize that the NRC inspectors reached favorable conclusions regarding evaluation of technical concerns based on a review of past performance, as established by closed technical files. Since the Quality First program has recently undergone very significant changes in management structure, resource assignments, supervisory personnel, senior experienced personnel, and the details of implementing the program, KG&E senior management should be especially alert to indications of deleterious changes in program implementation.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
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