

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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The Honorable Bob Whittaker United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Whittaker:

This is in response to your letter dated July 13, 1984, to Chairman Palladino regarding the petition received by the NRC to relocate the local public document room (LPDR) for the Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station from the William Allen White Library in Emporia, Kansas to the Washburn Law Library in Topeka, Kansas.

As you point out in your letter, historically the NRC has located its public document collections pertaining to nuclear power plants as near as possible to the plant site consistent with a library's ability to provide necessary reference services and extended (evening and/or weekend) operating hours for the public. The reason for this is to enable the public, living in the vicinity of a nuclear power plant, access to those records considered by the NRC staff in their review of a license application. The William Allen White Library in Emporia, Kansas clearly meets NRC criteria, and there are no plans to move the collection.

In order to be responsive to requests from Governor Carlin's office, the State Corporation Commission, certain Congressional and State legislators, and several environmental groups, the NRC is establishing an additional LPDR for the Wolf Creek plant at the Washburn Law Library in Topeka, Kansas. This collection, which will consist of microfiche records and paper copy, is expected to be established in the next few weeks to serve the people of the capital area and the State government.

We appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Victor Stello

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