

September 15, 1988

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-88-76A

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region IV staff on this date.

FACILITY: Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp. Wolf Creek Burlington, Kansas Docket No. 50-482	Licensee Emergency Classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event <input type="checkbox"/> Alert <input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL ELECTROCUTION UPDATE

This provides updated information on the electrocution that occurred at Wolf Creek on September 13, 1988. The contract electrician was working with a crew of four electricians which included a supervisor. A cable was going to be pulled to a lighting circuit panel through a conduit and junction box. The decision was apparently made to conduct the work with other cables in the box energized. Fire seals had to be removed from the conduit in order to install the additional cable. The electrician was standing on piping and leaning across a ventilation duct to perform the work. The conduit was disconnected at the junction box in order to remove the fire seal. The movement of the conduit apparently cut an energized cable and the junction box became energized. The electrician's contact with the energized junction box and the ventilation duct apparently caused the electrocution. The licensee is continuing investigation of this event and the resident inspectors are monitoring licensee actions.

The NRC has responded to news media inquiries.

The licensee has issued a press release.

Region IV has notified OSHA.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence from the resident inspector at Wolf Creek at 2 p.m. (CDT) on September 13, 1988. Region IV has informed NRR.

This information has been confirmed with a licensee representative.

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