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Reference: Federal Register Notice, dated August 7, 1998 (63Fr 42439),
Request for Public Comment on the Integrated Review of the
Assessment Process for Commercial Nuclear Power Plants

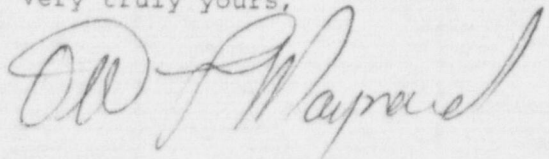
Subject: Docket No. 50-482: Integrated Review of the Assessment
Process for Commercial Nuclear Power Plants

Gentlemen:

In the August 7, 1998 Federal Register, a new method for assessing licensee performance at commercial nuclear power plants was proposed. In response to the request for comment in that notice, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC) is endorsing the comments submitted by The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) in a letter dated October 6, 1998 from R. E. Beedle, NEI to D. L. Meyer, USNRC. In addition, WCNOC believes that the framework developed during the Performance Assessment Workshop held September 28 to October 1, 1998 provides the ground work for objective assessment of plant performance. We are in agreement with NEI when they state that, "...the framework developed at the workshop and the consensus reached on a key set of fundamental assessment issues provides a far superior approach to plant assessment than the process referenced in the Federal Register notice."

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact me at (316) 364-4000, or Mr. Michael J. Angus, at (316) 364-4077.

Very truly yours,



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