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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: STN 50-482/88-17

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
ATTN: Bart D. Withers
President and Chief Executive Officer
P.O. Box 411
Burlington, Kansas 66839

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. H. F. Bundy and T. O. McKernon of this office during the period May 2-6, 1988, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-42 for Wolf Creek Generating Station, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. Forrest Rhodes and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included review of an event associated with the loose parts monitoring system Technical Specification surveillance procedure, plant modification testing, and surveillance procedures and records. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to these violations, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter. In responding to Violation 482/8817-03 involving failure to promptly implement corrective action for high rates of equipment failures, the licensee should address the issues of trending high failure rates and shortening the periodicity of surveillance tests for equipment with high failure rates. The corrective action implemented should provide assurance that the plant will not be operated with out-of-calibration equipment and instruments which might compromise safety.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
L. J. Callan

L. J. Callan, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-482/88-17 w/Attachment

cc w/enclosures:

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