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Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation

ATTN: Bart D. Withers

President and Chief Executive Officer

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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter, dated April 25, 1988, in response to our letter and Notice of Violation, dated March 28, 1988. The NRC regional and headquarters staff have reviewed your response regarding visual examinations for watchpersons. The NRC has taken the position (see Federal Register Notice, August 23, 1978) that "unarmed security personnel should be exempt from vision and hearing requirements unless required by assigned security related task identified in the licensee's plan." Although a specific task is not identified in your Training and Qualification Plan, Section 2.5 of the subject plan requires that contract security personnel meet the physical requirements appropriate to their assigned security duties. It would seem reasonable that a watchperson is assigned to "watch" and should be able to perform this function.

Considering the general nature of Section 2.5 of your plan and your commitment to provide hearing and vision examinations for all security personnel in the future, we withdraw the violation.

We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during a future inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By. L. J. Callan

L. J. Callan, Director Division of Reactor Projects

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