

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
Wolf Creek Generating Station

Docket No.: 50-482
License No.: NPF-42

During an NRC inspection conducted on December 14, 1997, through January 24, 1998, two violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violations are listed below:

- A. Technical Specification 6.8.1.a requires, in part, that written procedures be established, implemented, and maintained covering the applicable procedures recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978.

Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978, Section 1.d, recommends, in part, that procedures be established for procedure adherence.

Procedure AP 15C-002, "Procedure Use and Adherence," Revision 8, Section 6.2.3, requires that each step be completed or properly N/A'd [not applicable] before proceeding to the next step.

Contrary to the above, on January 15, 1998, a reactor operator performing Procedure SYS BG-201, "Shifting Charging Pumps," Revision 31, directed a nuclear station operator to perform Steps 6.1.7 through 6.1.10, then proceeded to complete Steps 6.1.11 through 6.1.17 without supervisory approval before receiving notification from the nuclear station operator that Steps 6.1.7 through 6.1.10 were complete.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I) (50482/9723-01).

- B. Technical Specification 6.8.1.a requires, in part, that written procedures be established, implemented, and maintained covering the applicable procedures recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978.

Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978, Section 8, recommends, in part, that procedures be established for surveillance testing.

Procedure STS IC-450B, "Channel Calibration Containment Atmosphere and RCS Leak Detection Radiation Monitor GTRE31," Revision 12, Step 8.4.1.4, requires technicians to remove field wires from TB1-1, and Step 8.4.1.5 requires technicians to connect the variable transformer hot lead to TB1-6 and neutral lead to TB1-1.

Contrary to the above, on January 7, 1998, technicians failed to follow these procedure steps. They removed the vendor wire from TB1-1 and reversed the variable transformer leads.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I) (50482/9723-02).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Arlington, Texas
this 29th day of January 1998