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References: 1) Letter KMLNRC 86-231, dated December 10, 1986,  
from G. L. Koester, KG&E, to H. R. Denton, USNRC  
2) Letter WM 93-0173, dated December 20, 1993,  
from N. S. Carns, WCNOC, to USNRC.  
Subject: Docket No: 50-482: Revision to NRC Commitment Made  
in WCNOC's Response to NRC Generic Letter 83-28

Gentlemen:

Reference 1 submitted a report in response to Generic Letter 83-28, "Required Actions Based on Generic Implications of Salem ATWS Events," describing the vendor interface program which was implemented at Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS). Reference 2 was submitted to advise the NRC of a revision to a commitment made in Reference 1. Specifically, Reference 2 discussed a revision of the description of the vendor interface program (i.e., the processing of changes to vendor manuals) as established in Reference 1.

The description of the vendor interface program was stated in Reference 2 as:

"Vendor manuals at WCGS are controlled documents. Changes to vendor manuals are generated as part of the permanent modification and configuration control process. When a vendor manual change associated with a design change is received at WCGS, the document is forwarded to the engineering group where it undergoes a technical adequacy review. If it is determined that the vendor manual change should be incorporated into the manual, the change is accomplished per the above process.

During the above process the vendor manual change is forwarded to the appropriate groups for review. Each group is responsible for updating individual documents (i.e., surveillance procedure, operating procedure, maintenance procedure, etc.) requiring changes and identifying whether or not training is required."

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Clarification of the above statements concerning the processing of vendor manual changes is provided in view of recent changes in the manner of control and processing of vendor documents. Vendor Technical Manuals (VTMs) at WCGS are considered to be composed of individual documents referred to as Vendor Technical Documents (e.g., instructions, procedures, drawings, calculations, etc.) or VTDs. VTDs are assigned a unique document number and are reviewed and processed by engineering per approved procedural guidance. During this process, engineering determines whether a VTD update constitutes a design-related change. If a VTD change supports an existing design change package (i.e., does not alter the existing design) it is incorporated into the package. If the VTD requires a design or configuration change and the appropriate change package does not exist, a new package is initiated in accordance with the current design change process. If the VTD revision alters the design of an existing design change package, the design change package is revised to incorporate the VTD information. VTD updates that are determined to not affect the plant design are reviewed and approved by engineering; however, they are not required to be processed per the design change process.

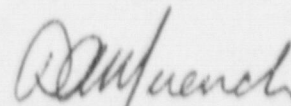
Key safety-related vendors, excluding the NSSS program vendor, are identified in the present Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC) Vendor Interface Program (Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program, or VETIP). The vendor contacts are being performed using project contract services and WCNOC resources to effectively perform the key safety-related equipment vendor interfaces.

During the above process, notifications of VTD changes are forwarded to the applicable group(s) for their information and review. Based on the review of the changes to the vendor information, each group initiates revisions to their controlling documents (i.e., surveillance procedures, operating procedures, maintenance procedures, etc.) and also perform training as necessary.

The design process continues to meet the criteria of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, "Design Control," because the cognizant organization will review a VTD change prior to issuance to ensure the design basis/function of the system or component is maintained.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (316) 364-8831, extension 4034, or Mr. Terry J. Garrett, at extension 4084.

Very truly yours,



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