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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: STN 50-482/87-06

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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of May 5, 1987, in response to our letter and Notice of Violation dated April 15, 1987. We have reviewed your reply and find it responsive to the concerns raised in our Notice of Violation. We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during a future inspection to determine that full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

Sincerely,

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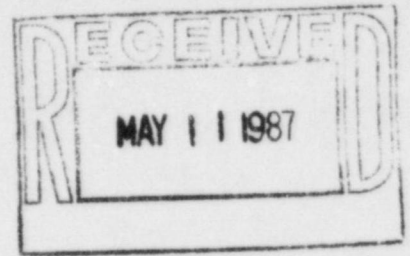
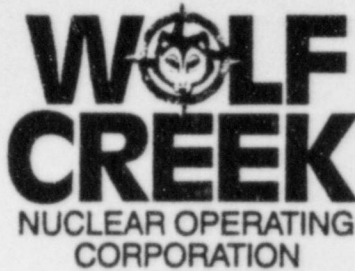
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May 5, 1987

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Letter: WM 87-0133
Re: Docket No. 50-482
Ref: Letter dated 4/15/87 from JEGagliardo, NRC, to BDWithers,
WCNOC
Subj: Response to Violation 482/8706-01

Gentlemen:

Attached is a detailed response to violation (482/8706-01) which was documented in the Reference. The violation concerned a fire door which had been blocked open and unattended without the necessary fire impairment permit form being issued. If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact me or Mr. O. L. Maynard of my staff.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "B D Withers".

Bart D. Withers
President and Chief
Executive Officer

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Attachment

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Violation (482/8706-01): Fire Door Blocked Open

Finding:

Technical Specification (TS) 6.8.1 requires that, "Written procedures shall be established, and maintained covering . . . a. The applicable procedures recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978." Section 1.1 of Appendix A states that the fire protection program should be covered by written procedures.

Licensee Administrative Procedure ADM 13-103, Revision 3, "Fire Protection: Impairment Control," has been established and implemented in accordance with TS 6.8.1.

Step 4.1 of ADM 13-103 requires "A Fire Protection Impairment Control Permit form will be prepared for all fire protection system impairments . . ." . . ."

Contrary to the above, on March 4, 1987, during a routine plant tour the NRC inspector identified that TS Fire Door 34031 (control building elevation 2016 ft.) had been blocked open and unattended without the necessary fire impairment permit form being issued.

Reason For Violation:

On March 4, 1987, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission Resident Reactor Inspector identified that Fire Door 34031 was blocked open by a hose but did not have a Fire Impairment Control Permit. The Control Room was notified of the situation, and instructed that the door be closed. Investigation revealed that construction personnel had opened the door and placed a hose through it while performing Work Request 723-87 without first obtaining an impairment permit. This event occurred as a result of construction personnel complying with previous verbal instructions from the Fire Protection Coordinator that whenever the work activity requiring a barrier to be breached, (e.g. door 34031 to be blocked open), is estimated to last less than one (1) hour, a fire barrier impairment permit would not be required. Therefore the work activity on March 4, 1987 proceeded without obtaining a fire impairment permit.

Corrective Steps Which Have Been Taken and Results Achieved:

Upon notification by the Resident Reactor Inspector that the door was blocked open, the Control Room instructed that the door be closed.

Corrective Steps Which Will Be Taken To Avoid Further Violations:

Construction craft personnel have been retrained on the requirements of the administrative procedure governing Fire Protection Impairment Control and verbally instructed to obtain a fire barrier impairment permit whenever a fire barrier needs to be breached. Additionally, the Superintendent of Plant Support has instructed the Fire Protection Coordinator that a breach of a fire barrier for any length of time requires a impairment permit.

The Date When Full Compliance Will Be Achieved:

Full compliance has been achieved.