

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation Docket: 50-482
Wolf Creek Generating Station Operating License: NPF-42

During an NRC inspection conducted February 13-17, 1989, violations of NRC requirements were identified. The violations involved the failure to provide a written safety evaluation for a temporary modification and the failure of the plant safety review committee (PSRC) to meet to review the safety evaluations for two temporary modifications prior to implementation. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1988), the violations are listed below:

- A. Paragraph (b)(1) of 10 CFR 50.59, requires that the licensee shall maintain records of changes in the facility made pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59. The records must include a written safety evaluation which provides the basis for the determination that the change does not involve an unreviewed safety question.

Contrary to the above, on November 11, 1988, the licensee installed a temporary jumper across Cell 10 of Station Battery NK12 and no written safety evaluation was provided. The battery cell was jumpered at the time of the inspection. The temporary jumper resulted in a change which reduced the tested battery capacity and impacted the continuous alarm system associated with the battery, which is described in Section 8.3.2.2 of the USAR.

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (Supplement I)(482/8907-01)

- B. Technical Specification 6.5.1 requires that a quorum of PSRC members shall meet as convened by the PSRC Chairman to advise the plant manager on all matters related to nuclear safety. Technical Specification 6.5.1.6.d requires that the PSRC shall be responsible for the review of all safety evaluations performed under the provision of Section 50.59(a)(1) of 10 CFR 50, for changes to the facility.

Contrary to the above, the licensee made two changes to the facility, Temporary Modification (TMO) 86-65-GK (86-SE-87) installed on June 20, 1986, and TMO 87-006-BB (87-SE-003) installed on November 1, 1987, without the benefit of a meeting by a quorum of PSRC members convened by the PSRC chairman. Rather, the review of the two TMOs and associated safety evaluations was conducted utilizing a "serial review" sheet (walk around and telephone calls) by members of the PSRC, and the PSRC chairman prior to the installation of the TMO.

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (Supplement I)(482/8907-02)

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Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation is hereby required to submit to this office, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice, a written statement or explanation in reply, including for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation if admitted, (2) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Arlington, Texas,
this *15th* day of *March* 1989