

State Building and Construction Trades Council



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Mr. Elmer Staats,

Because of the Nuclear Regulatory Commissions past history of making decisions favorable to the utility, the Kansas State Building and Trades Council is disappointed but not surprised that the N.R.C. chose to approve the concrete in the base mat at Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station near Burlington, Kansas. The N.R.C. Approved the base mat concrete without a direct examination of that concrete as placed. The N.R.C. decision was based entirely on tests, examinations and analysis of "samples" of concrete made from the base mat test mix. The N.R.C. has not insisted that Kansas Gas & Electric examine the base mat concrete itself.

On April 10, 1973, less than a month after discovery of the low strength concrete, Bechtel Power Corporation, Architect Engineer for the Wolf Creek project, recommended that core drilling be done at 60 degree increments in the reactor base mat. Kansas Gas and Electric did not accept this recommendation and core drilling of the base mat was never done. The concrete base mat has never been strength tested, examined in a laboratory, or subjected to petrographic examination to determine its ingredients.

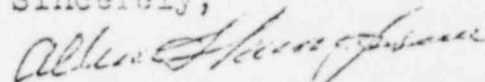
It is the view of the Kansas State Building and Trades Council that this questionable decision by N.R.C. has created a very serious situation, therefore we demand a full investigation by the Government Accounting Office of N.R.C. activities, particularly in the Wolf Creek situation. We feel there should be a complete investigation of the N.R.C., especially Region IV in Arlington, Texas. We are also expecting our Congressmen to demand such an investigation.

The N.R.C. still does not know the reason for the low strength of the test cylinders at 90 days, nor do they know why the 90 day tests showed lower strength results than the 28 day tests. They are no nearer in answer now than they were on March 13, 1973, when N.C.R. was notified of the test results of the 90 day test cylinders. It appears they chose to go no further with the investigation and

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are simply allowing the construction to continue. As concerned citizens of this state we are asking that action be taken on our behalf.

Sincerely,



Allen Thompson: President
The Kansas State Building
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