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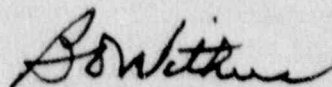
Reference: Letter dated March 16, 1990 from S. J. Collins, NRC, to
B. D. Withers, WCNOG
Subject: Docket No. 50-482: Response to Request for Additional
Information on Exercise Weakness 482/8930-01

Gentlemen:

This letter provides Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation's (WCNOG) response to the request for additional information documented in the Reference. The request for additional information was associated with exercise weakness 482/8930-01 concerning the failure of the Emergency Operations Facility staff to be aware of significant reactor conditions.

If you have any question concerning this matter, please contact me or Mr. H. K. Chernoff of my staff.

Very truly yours,



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**Response to Request for Additional
Information Regarding Emergency Exercise Weakness 482/8930-01**

Request:

We request that additional information be provided in response to Exercise Weakness 482/8930-01. This weakness concerned the failure of the emergency operations facility staff to be aware of significant reactor conditions. We are concerned that in the December exercise, the emergency operations facility staff was not provided necessary reactor parameters and failed to recognize that the core was not covered for appropriate cooling and that hydrogen levels were increasing.

We understand from your response that the communications flow process will be reviewed to identify needed improvements and that corrective measures will be implemented before the 1990 emergency exercise. However, we believe that the corrective measures to be developed should be implemented well before the scheduled August 1990 exercise. These measures should not require extensive effort and are necessary to ensure that important information such as changing reactor parameters is communicated to the necessary level of management should a significant event occur.

Response:

The review of the communications flow process between emergency response facilities has been completed. Emergency Plan training has been given to Operations Assessment Coordinators (OAC) and Technical Support Center (TSC) Operations Status Board Recorders (OSR) that emphasized the process for updating and maintaining the Operations Status Boards. This training was completed on February 16, 1990.

Similar Emergency Plan training for Emergency Operations Facility (EOF) OSRs is scheduled for completion by June 29, 1990. Trending and analysis of critical plant parameters training for the EOF Engineering Team is also scheduled for completion by June 29, 1990.

A review of the present location of the Operation Status Boards has been completed. Because of the present configuration of the facilities, relocating the status boards will not result in any improvement in communications.