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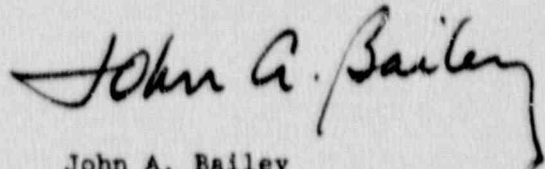
Reference: Letter dated June 1, 1990 from S. J. Collins, NRC to
B. D. Withers, WCNOG
Subject: Docket No. 50-482: Response to Violation 482/9017-01

Gentlemen:

Attached is Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation's (WCNOG) response to violation 482/9017-01 which was documented in the Reference. Violation 482/9017-01 concerned a failure to have adequate procedures.

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

Very truly yours,



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Violation (482/9017-01): Failure to Have Adequate Procedures

Finding:

Technical Specification 6.11 requires that procedures for personnel radiation protection shall be prepared consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 20 and shall be approved, maintained, and adhered to for all operations involving personnel radiation exposure. 10 CFR 20.103(c)(2) requires that the licensee maintain and implement a respiratory protection program that includes written procedures regarding selection of respirators. Procedure ADM 03-600, "Respiratory Protection Program," is the designated procedure regarding requirements for the licensee's respiratory protection program.

Contrary to the above, the inspector determined on April 20, 1990, that Procedure ADM 03-600 did not contain the required information to verify that the user is issued a respirator of the same model and size for which they were fit tested.

Reason For Violation:

In 1989, MSA Ultra-vue respirators were purchased as replacements for some MSA Ultra-twin respirators. Respirator initial training and retraining was provided for the MSA Ultra-vue respirator exclusively beginning in December 1989. Some personnel were not due for respirator requalification training prior to the commencement of Refuel IV, in March 1990, and therefore were not qualified to wear the new MSA Ultra-vue respirators. Health Physics personnel failed to recognize the need to revise procedure ADM 03-600, "Respiratory Protection Program," to require verification that the user was issued a respirator of the same model and size for which they were fit tested and trained. The use of the two different models of respirators and inattention to detail on the part of Health Physics personnel resulted in this violation.

Corrective Steps Which Have Been Taken And Results Achieved:

Procedure ADM 03-600 was revised on April 30, 1990, to ensure that a respirator user is issued the model and size for which they were fit tested and trained. This revision to ADM 03-600 was placed in the Health Physics Technician required reading program. The Health Physics Supervisor responsible for the Respiratory Protection Program was counseled on the necessity to pay attention to detail including necessary procedure changes such as the one to ADM 03-600.

Corrective Steps Which Will Be Taken To Avoid Further Violations:

The above corrective steps which have been taken will ensure that Health Physics personnel issue respirators correctly to avoid further violations.

Date When Full Compliance Will Be Achieved:

Full compliance has been achieved.