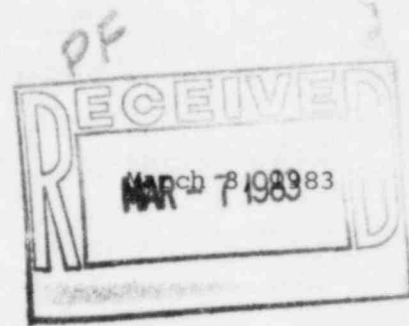




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KMLNRC 83-020
Re: Docket No. STN 50-482
Subj: Potential 10CFR50.55(e) - U-Bolt
Material Traceability

Dear Mr. Seidle:

This letter provides an interim report on a potential 10CFR50.55(e) item concerning material traceability of bulk bolting materials. Mr. Earl Creel of Kansas Gas and Electric Company initially reported this matter to Mr. Johns Jaudon of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Region IV) on February 4, 1983.

The Wolf Creek Constructor uses a color coding system to segregate safety-related and non-safety-related bulk bolting material. The bolting materials are painted with different colors to indicate various material properties. The current method used to apply the paint to the items in question does not ensure that the paint will remain on the item and the paint does have a tendency to rub off.

U-bolts have been installed in safety-related and special scope applications which no longer have a painted color to indicate type of material. Since there has been some bolting material purchased under non-safety-related purchase orders which may not meet the minimum material properties specified for safety-related and special scope applications, the potential exists that some non-safety-related bolting material could have been used in safety-related applications.

The Wolf Creek Constructor has issued Corrective Action Report 1-G-0025 to track the evaluation and resolutions of this subject. The status

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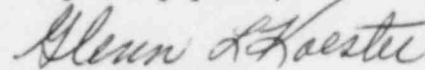
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of this evaluation will be reported to you on or before May 23, 1983.

In the interim, please direct any questions concerning this subject to me or to Mr. Otto Maynard of my staff.

Very truly yours,



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