

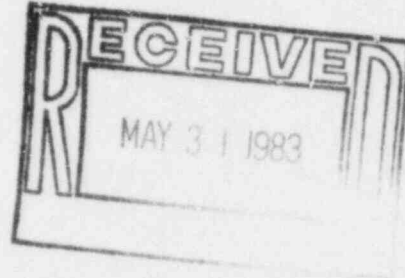


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KMLNRC 83-059

Re: Docket No. STN 50-482

Subj: Potential 10CFR50.55(e) Report - Loose Parts
Found in Steam Generators

Dear Mr. Seidle:

This letter provides an interim report concerning loose parts (and potential loose parts) found in the steam generators at Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS). This matter was initially reported by Mr. Otto Maynard of Kansas Gas and Electric Company (KG&E) to Mr. William Johnson of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV, on April 26, 1983. Additional information concerning this matter was provided to Mr. Johnson on April 29, 1983, and to Mr. Hunnicutt on May 18, 1983.

KG&E is currently performing scheduled modifications to the secondary side of the WCGS steam generators. While performing the modifications, the following items have been found which KG&E has directed Westinghouse to evaluate for safety implications:

- 1) A two-inch weld rod stub.
- 2) A ball-point pen.
- 3) Two 1/2" Hex Cap Bolts in their proper location and torqued down but not tack welded. The purpose of the tack weld is to add additional protection against the bolts backing out and becoming loose parts.
- 4) Shop welds within the moisture separation equipment of the steam generators were inspected and some were identified which do not meet the weld acceptance

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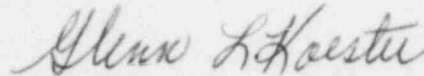
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criteria. In particular, a portion of one weld on a tube bundle access cover in the lower deck plate is suspect.

Westinghouse is currently evaluating the safety implications of these four items. Upon completion of the modifications, KG&E will perform a thorough loose parts inspection of the secondary sides of the steam generators. If any additional parts are identified which are loose or could potentially become loose, their safety implications will also be evaluated. This potential 10CFR50.55(e) will remain open until all of the necessary repair/analysis has been performed and the final loose parts inspection has been completed.

The status of the evaluation and resolution of this matter will be reported to you on or before August 15, 1983. In the interim, please direct any questions concerning this subject to me or to Mr. Otto Maynard of my staff.

Yours very truly,



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