

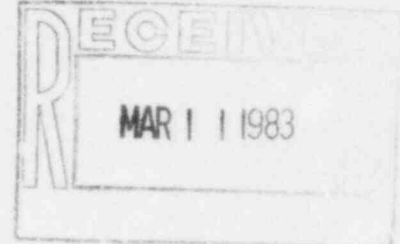


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KMLNRC 83-023  
Re: Docket No. STN 50-482  
Subj: Potential 10CFR50.55(e) - Component Testing

Dear Mr. Seidle:

This letter provides an interim report on a potential 10CFR50.55(e) matter concerning Kansas Gas and Electric Company's (KG&E) component testing program. This item was initially reported by Mr. Earl Creel of KG&E to Mr. William Johnson of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Region IV) on February 9, 1983.

The KG&E Quality Assurance organization recently performed an audit and a surveillance of Startup's component test program. Several concerns were identified which lead the Quality Assurance personnel to believe that certain aspects of the program were not in full compliance with program requirements. Both the audit report (TE 57953-K07) and the surveillance report (S-597) are available for NRC review at KG&E's offices.

KG&E has stopped the testing of safety-related components until the concerns identified in the two reports are resolved. The procedures are being reviewed against program requirements and revisions are being made where additional clarification or controls are needed. At this time there is no indication that the physical testing is inadequate.

The status of KG&E's evaluation of this matter will be reported to you on or before June 17, 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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