

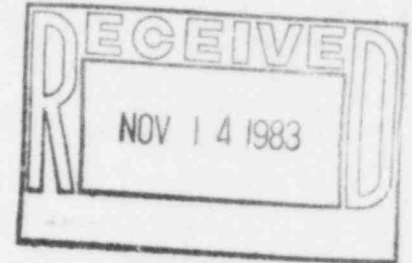


KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

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KMLNRC 83-144
Re: Docket No. STN 50-482
Subj: Response to Inspection Report STN 50-482/83-32

Dear Mr. Gagliardo:

This letter is written in response to your letter of October 11, 1983, which transmitted Inspection Report STN 50-482/83-32. As requested, the violation identified in the Inspection Report is being addressed in three parts:

- a) The corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved;
- b) Corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and
- c) The date when full compliance will be achieved.

VIOLATION: Intimidation of Quality Control Inspector

Finding:

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion I, states that construction permit holders are responsible for the establishment and execution of a quality assurance program, that they may delegate this work to others such as constructors, but they retain the responsibility for the program. Criterion I further states that persons performing quality assurance functions shall have sufficient organizational freedom to identify quality problems; to initiate, to recommend or to provide solutions; and to verify implementation of solutions.

Daniel International Corporation (Daniel International) is the prime contractor for construction of the Wolf Creek facility and thus has been delegated quality assurance functions by the licensee.

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Finding (continued):

Contrary to the above, on or about February 1, 1983, a Daniel International quality control supervisor intimidated a quality control inspector with a threat of employment termination during a disagreement over whether or not the quality control inspector should document, by nonconformance report, a condition found which was apparently adverse to quality.

Response:

- a) Corrective steps which have been taken and results achieved:

The supervisor involved had been instructed on the requirements of 10CFR50.7 and 10CFR50, Appendix B. The inspection force has been assured, through meetings, of the organizational freedom to report possible as well as actual nonconformances.

As documented in the subject inspection report, the corrective action taken at the time of the investigation provided the Quality Control inspectors with assurance that they had adequate freedom to report nonconforming conditions.

- b) Corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations:

On October 7, 1983, Mr. John Collins, NRC Region IV Administrator, addressed Wolf Creek Site Managers and senior supervisors. Intimidation and harassment of quality inspectors and pressure applied to craftsmen by supervisors to cut corners was a primary topic of his address.

The Vice President - Nuclear for KG&E, Mr. Glenn L. Koester, strongly emphasized to the group that intimidation and harassment potentially affecting quality would not be tolerated at Wolf Creek. It was directed that the message be communicated down through the ranks of personnel on the project and a copy of NRC Regulation 10 CFR 50.7 was distributed to all DIC personnel the following week.

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Response (continued):

DIC Vice President, Peter Van Nort, further addressed the subject at the staff meeting of DIC Managers on October 12. On October 13, all craft foremen and supervisors were exposed to the Site's position on intimidation and harassment at the weekly safety meeting.

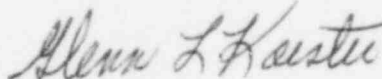
Finally, on October 25, a special meeting of all field supervisors was held and addressed by Mr. Frank Duddy, Project Director, Mr. Wm. Rudolph, KG&E QA Manager, and Peter Van Nort, DIC Vice President, to further stress the importance of the intimidation and harassment issue and to express Management's position.

c) Date when full compliance will be achieved:

All of the corrective actions discussed above have been accomplished.

Supporting documentation for the responses provided above is available for review at the Wolf Creek job site. If you have any further questions concerning this response, please contact me or Mr. Otto Maynard of my staff.

Yours very truly,



Glenn L. Koester
Vice President - Nuclear

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