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KMLNRC 84-022

Re: Docket No. STN 50-482

Subj: Response to Inspection Report STN 50-482/83-39

Dear Mr. Gagliardo:

This letter is written in response to your letter of January 23, 1984, which transmitted Inspection Report STN 50-482/83-39. 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: Failure to Protect Equipment

Finding:

10CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, requires, in part, that activities affecting quality shall be conducted in accordance with procedures appropriate to the circumstances.

The Wolf Creek Administrative Procedure, ADM 14-412, requires that activities associated with material preservation and equipment protection be conducted in a manner consistent with the intent of ANSI 45.2.3.

Contrary to the above, on December 6, 1983, the NRC Inspector

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Finding (continued):

found two examples of failure to properly protect or preserve equipment.

- A. The two boric acid transfer pumps (PBG02A and PBG02B) were observed unbolted from their mounting, rotated 90° without disconnection of electrical leads, and inadequately supported. Pump PBC02A had one bolt in the frame and the frame was bent as a result of this action.
- B. Numerous uncontrolled openings in piping and instrumentation lines were observed. Two examples are:
 - 1. The permanent air line for valve HFRV-045 was removed and open as a result of a temporary modification.
 - 2. Boric Acid Tank "A" level transmitter piping was open to the atmosphere.

Response:

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

The specific pieces of equipment identified in the "Finding" have been investigated and restored to an acceptable condition. More specifically, the two boric acid transfer pumps have been reinstalled and the bent frame on Pump PBC02A has been reworked. The system was also flushed and hydrostatically tested. The air line for valve HFRV-045 was checked free of obstructions, reinstalled and then valve HFRV-045 was tested. The boric acid tank "A" level transmitter piping was flushed to the required acceptance criteria.

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

The Startup Manager held a meeting with Startup supervisory personnel to discuss this event. He emphasized that procedural requirements must be complied with and equipment properly protected even when priorities change or scheduled activities are altered. It was further emphasized that Startup

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Response (continued):

personnel must be aware of equipment status and assure that the equipment is properly protected. Close communications between interfacing groups was also discussed and stressed.

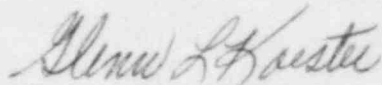
Subsequent to this meeting, Startup supervisory personnel discussed the above subject matter with their work groups.

c) Date when full compliance will be achieved:

The corrective actions discussed above have all been completed.

Please contact me or Mr. Otto Maynard of my staff if you have any questions concerning this response.

Yours very truly,



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