

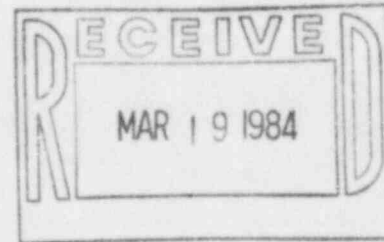


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March 16, 1984

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KMLNRC 84-040

Re: Docket No. 50-482

Subj: Response to Inspection Report 50-482/84-01

Dear Mr. Gagliardo:

This letter is written in response to your letter of February 17, 1984, which transmitted Inspection Report STN 50-482/84-01. 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: CONTROL OF NONCONFORMING MATERIAL

Finding:

10CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XV, requires, in part, that measures shall be established to control materials, parts, or components which do not conform to requirements in order to prevent their inadvertent use or installation. Nonconforming items shall be reviewed and accepted, rejected, repaired or reworked in accordance with documented procedures.

Contrary to the above, the NRC Inspector discovered that non-conforming material has been installed in various locations, by various work organizations, using several different procedures

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Finding (continued):

that do not contain the needed controls or approvals required to permit the installation and use of these materials.

Response:

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

Corrective Action Request (CAR) Number 12 has been issued to KG&E Operations, Startup and Quality Control. This CAR required a written response from each organization documenting the extent of problems, remedial actions necessary to correct previous work and actions to be taken to prevent recurrence. Installed material that was identified as being potentially nonconforming in response to CAR 12 has been evaluated. Where the use of nonconforming material was confirmed, this material was identified, reviewed and is currently being dispositioned in accordance with documented procedures.

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

KG&E Quality Control and Operations are in the process of issuing and revising procedures to require identification, review and disposition of nonconforming materials, parts and components prior to use. These procedures will include the reviews and approvals necessary to evaluate and control the use of nonconforming material. In addition, KG&E Startup is in the process of revising administrative procedures for Temporary Modifications, Startup Field Reports and Rejected Item Reports to prohibit Startup personnel from installing nonconforming material without prior documented approval.

- c) Date when full compliance will be achieved:

The actions discussed in paragraph b) of the Response will be completed by April 16, 1984.

Supporting documentation for the responses provide above is available for

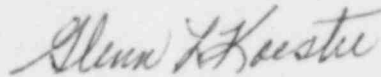
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review at the Wolf Creek job site. If you have any further questions concerning this response, please contact me or Mr. Otto Maynard of my staff.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Glenn L. Koester".

Glenn L. Koester
Vice President - Nuclear

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