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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (EA 92-191)
(Wolf Creek)
Docket No. STN 50-482

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$50,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$ 50,000 will be issued on or about December 7, 1992 to Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation. This action is based on a violation of the licensee's work control program which resulted in the degradation of the essential service water system. Specifically, while performing maintenance on a system throttle valve a plant mechanic made an adjustment to the valve position indicator that was outside the scope of his assigned work and for which no post-maintenance testing was performed. During, routine testing performed some weeks later the licensee identified a possible system flow problem and then conducted a special test which identified the mispositioned valve. This violation has been classified at Severity Level III. A proposed civil penalty equal to that of the base civil penalty is being issued after offsetting mitigation to the licensee's identification of the problem with escalation to the licensee's past performance.

It should be noted the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice December 7, 1992
Telephone Notification of Licensee December 7, 1992

The State of Kansas will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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