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The Honorable Nunzio Palladino
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Thank you for arranging for your staff to brief my colleagues in the Kansas Congressional delegation and me on the Wolf Creek situation. I was disappointed, however, that neither Mr. Dircks nor Mr. Denton was present. The meeting was helpful in providing us an understanding of the Wolf Creek issues. But some issues were not adequately addressed and other new questions were raised.

I listened carefully to descriptions of the NRC staff's efforts leading it to conclude that questions concerning construction quality had been adequately resolved. While there is no doubt as to the nature of the staff's conclusions, it seemed to me that some gaps existed in the staff's explanation as to how it arrived at its conclusions.

Because of my continuing concerns, I would appreciate your providing an explanation, including a chronology, describing (A) the discovery of the problem of structural steel weld quality, (B) steps taken to assure its resolution by the licensee, and (C) actions taken by NRC staff to determine whether the licensee's resolution was in accord with applicable regulations. Please provide, in addition, a similar explanation with respect to problems involving cable separation as described in Inspection Reports 50-R42/R4-22 and 50-R42/R4-51.

I am also confused about the status of items assigned to the NRC Office of Investigations (OI). Your letter to Chairman Dinkell indicated that several investigations were underway with respect to missing, falsified, or erroneous records. I inferred from your staff, however, that little or no investigative work had actually been conducted on the records deficiencies. Please inform me as to the status of each inquiry including the date on which the inquiry began, the amount of effort applied since that date, and its estimated completion date.

I would appreciate this information as quickly as possible.

With best regards,

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