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Docket No. 50-482

MEMORANDUM FOR: B. J. Youngblood, Chief  
Licensing Branch No. 1, DOL

FROM: Wm. H. Regan, Jr., Chief  
Siting Analysis Branch, DE

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM SHPO FOR  
WOLF CREEK OL-EIS

Please find attached a draft of a letter for your signature to be sent to the SHPO in Kansas. The letter requests information on the possible operating impacts of Wolf Creek on historic and cultural resources.

Contact Brian Richter (x24877) for any clarification.

Original signed by W. H. Regan, Jr.

Wm. H. Regan, Jr., Chief  
Siting Analysis Branch,  
Division of Engineering

Attachment:  
As stated

cc: G. Edison  
M. Messier



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Mr. Joseph W. Snell  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Kansas State Historical Society  
10th and Jackson Streets  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Mr. Snell:

As part of the preparation for the environmental impact statement for Wolf Creek Unit No. 1's operating license, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is required to consult with the SHPO to determine if the operation of the plant may effect any cultural resources listed or eligible for listing in the National Register for Historic Places. Our areas of interest for Wolf Creek include: the site itself, the plant's railroad spur, and the transmission line corridors. Three maps are enclosed which locate and define our areas of interest.

The possible impact of Wolf Creek on cultural resources was previously examined in association with the construction permit phase of licensing. We are now required to review prior findings relative to the potential for operating impacts. Documentation from our files relevant to cultural resources is enclosed and is summarized below.

Nyle Miller, SHPO indicated in a letter to Dames & Moore (February 9, 1974) that the Wolf Creek project would not "adversely affect any known historical site or landmark". However, Mr. Miller also indicated that five archeological sites appeared to have met National Register criteria and suggested salvaging them before construction of the cooling lake.

Mr. Miller wrote to NRC (January 16, 1976) stating that the five sites had been excavated by archeologists from Wichita State University, therefore the sites could "no longer be eligible for the National Register".

With regard to the railroad spur, we note Professor Rohn's letter to Tom Witty, State Archeologist (September 17, 1975). In that letter, one archeological site is identified as being "threatened with adverse impact" due to the railroad spur and related construction. Professor Rohn then reported to Nyle Miller (June 11, 1976) that the site was studied and required no further field work.

Lastly, with respect to the transmission corridors, a copy of a page from the applicant's Environmental Report for the Operating License is enclosed. It indicates that "selection of transmission routes was made in part taking into consideration the avoidance of archeological sensitive areas". The applicant also promises to contact the WSU Archeological Laboratory "if any significant artifacts are unearthed during line construction".

We are, therefore, interested in learning from you if the Wolf Creek Plant may have any operating impacts on the cultural resources located on or near the site, the railroad spur, and transmission line corridors. Should you require any clarification, please contact Brian Richter at (301) 492-4877.

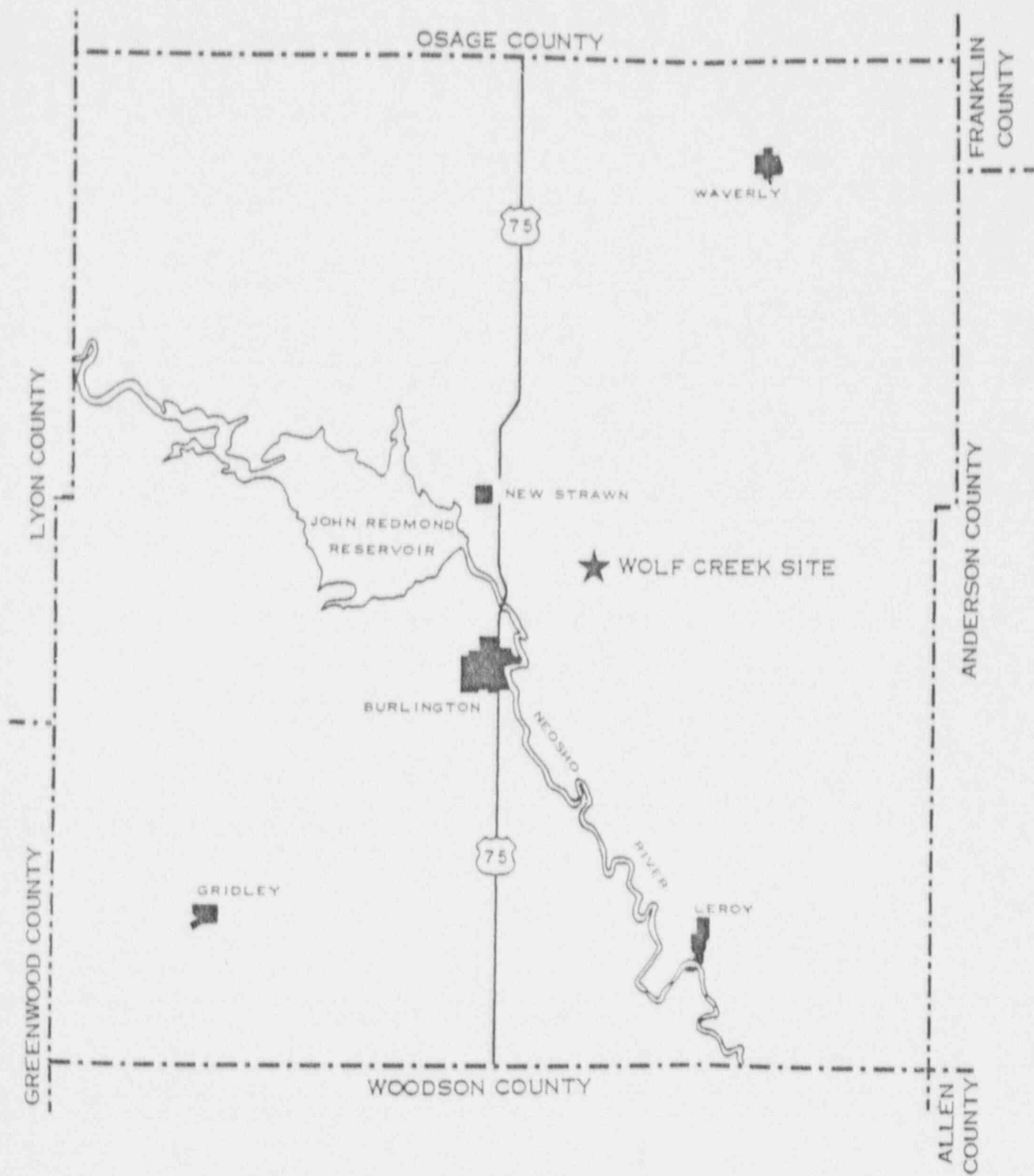
We thank you for your assistance and shall send a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for your comment, when it is issued, this fall.

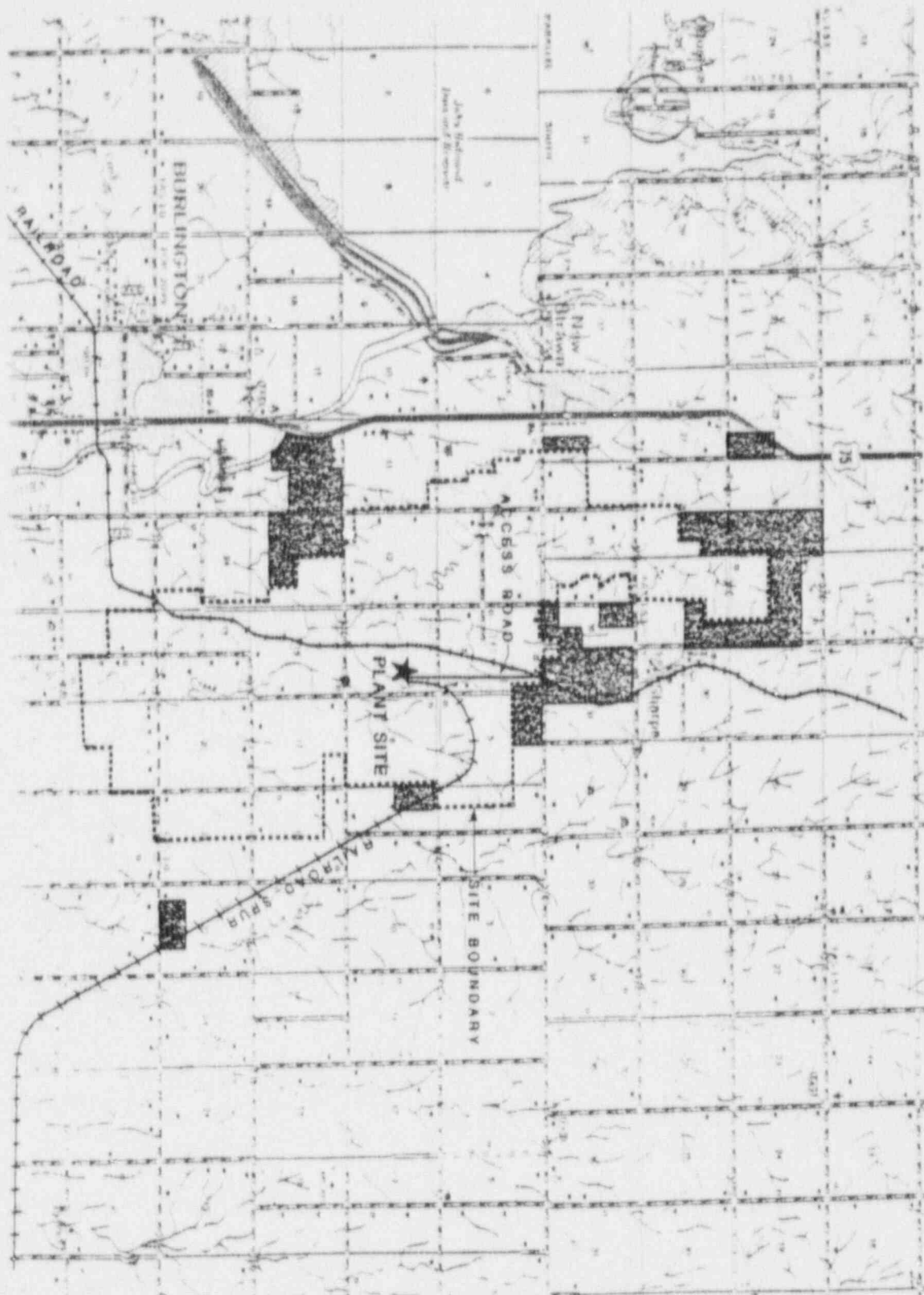
Sincerely,

B. J. Youngblood, Chief  
Licensing Branch No. 1  
Division of Licensing

Enclosure:

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| 1. Site Map                    | 6. ltr fm ARohn to JWitty         |
| 2. Transmission Line Rts Map   | dtd 9/17/75                       |
| 3. County Map                  | 7. ltr fm ARohn to NMiller        |
| 4. ltr fm NMiller to PFord     | dtd 6/11/76                       |
| dtd 2/9/74                     | 8. Transmission Line Construction |
| 5. ltr fm NMiller to DScaletti | Section - page 2.6-2              |
| dtd 1/16/76                    |                                   |





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 AREA OUTSIDE SITE BOUNDARY BY APPLICANTS

 PLANT LOCATION

 SITE BOUNDARY

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February 9, 1974

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Mr. Paul S. Ford, Associate  
 Dames & Moore  
 1550 Northwest Highway  
 Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

Ref: Wolf Creek Generating Station  
 Coffey County, Kansas

Dear Mr. Ford:

We have reviewed the materials submitted to our office by Dames & Moore on February 4, 1974, relating to historical sites and landmarks and archeological resources of the area affected by the proposed Wolf Creek Generating Station in Coffey county, Kansas. We are aware of the previous contacts of a representative of Dames & Moore with our survey staff in the collection of historical data on the area.

We note that the cooling lake will inundate a stone house now owned by A. C. Robinett and also some remnants of the old LeRoy-Emporia wagon road. There is presently no data in our files which would document for these places sufficient historical significance to merit National Register nomination. We have no evidence that the project would adversely affect any known historical site or landmark.

The assessment of the archeological resources of the project area has been competently prepared. Probably one comment in the "Summary and Recommendations" should be reconsidered. The statement that none of the archeological sites appear significant enough for National Register nomination will likely be questioned. Recent National Park Service interpretations of the criteria for entering archeological sites on the Register have established "the potential for scientific knowledge" as the standard. Thus five of the sites (14CF501, 14CF506, 14CF508, 14CF511, and 14CF514) would appear on the basis of the report to meet the National Register criteria. It would therefore seem that at the very least the data which these sites possess should be salvaged by the scientific archeological excavations at a time well before the construction of the cooling lake.

Mr. Paul S. Ford

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Let us know if we can be of further assistance.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially,

*Nyle Miller*

Executive Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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