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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-482/96-25

Dear Mr. Carns:

An NRC inspection was conducted December 9-13, 1996, at your Wolf Creek Generating Station reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

This inspection focused upon activities related to solid radioactive waste management and the transportation of radioactive wastes and materials. Your self-assessments of radioactive waste and transportation activities were comprehensive and provided probing insights concerning program performance. However, in some cases your corrective actions failed to address root causes, trending, and followup reviews. As such, some of the potential for benefits to be gained from the assessments were not realized. We noted that corrective action issues identified during this inspection were similar to those you discussed during the management meeting held on December 6, 1996.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas P. Gwynn", followed by a large, stylized flourish.

Thomas P. Gwynn, Director
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