



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 400
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-8064

NOV 27 1996

Neil S. Carns, President and
Chief Executive Officer
Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
P.O. Box 411
Burlington, Kansas 66839

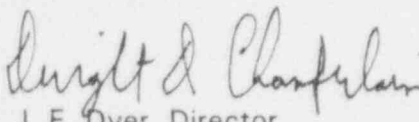
SUBJECT: SEMIANNUAL PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW - **WOLF CREEK GENERATING STATION**

On October 29, 1996, the NRC staff completed the Semiannual Plant Performance Review (SPPR) of Wolf Creek Generating Station. The staff conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by NRC management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources. The SPPR for Wolf Creek Generating Station involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period March 1996 through September 1996. SPPRs provide NRC management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) and Senior Management Meeting (SMM) reviews.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the Wolf Creek Generating Station SPPR review. It is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts and personnel availability to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. The enclosure details our inspection plan for the next 8 months. In addition to the core, inspections are planned in the area of engineering to allow for our review of your corrective actions associated with the frazil ice event of January 1996, your Safety System Functional Assessment of the Auxiliary Feedwater System, and to perform followup inspections on the status of your activities associated with maintaining the integrity of steam generator tubing. Resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature.

We will inform you of any changes to the inspection plan. If you have any questions, please contact W. D Johnson at (817) 860-8148.

Sincerely,


for J. E. Dyer, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos.: 50-482
License Nos.: NPF-42

9612030153 961127
PDR ADOCK 05000482
Q PDR

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating
Corporation

-2-

Enclosure:
Inspection Plan

cc w/enclosure:
Vice President Plant Operations
Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp.
P.O. Box 411
Burlington, Kansas 66839

Jay Silberg, Esq.
Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge
2300 N Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20037

Supervisor Licensing
Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp.
P.O. Box 411
Burlington, Kansas 66839

Supervisor Regulatory Compliance
Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp.
P.O. Box 411
Burlington, Kansas 66839

Chief Engineer
Utilities Division
Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Rd.
Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027

Office of the Governor
State of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Attorney General
Judicial Center
301 S.W. 10th
2nd Floor
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1597

County Clerk
Coffey County Courthouse
Burlington, Kansas 66839-1798

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating
Corporation

-3-

Public Health Physicist
Division of Environment
Kansas Department of Health
and Environment
Bureau of Air & Radiation
Forbes Field Building 283
Topeka, Kansas 66620

Mr. Frank Moussa
Division of Emergency Preparedness
2800 SW Topeka Blvd
Topeka, Kansas 66611-1287

NOV 27 1996

bcc to DMB (IE01)

bcc distrib. by RIV:

L. J. Callan	Resident Inspector
DRP Director	SRI (Callaway, RIV)
Branch Chief (DRP/B)	DRS-PSB
Project Engineer (DRP/B)	MIS System
Branch Chief (DRP/TSS)	RIV File
Leah Tremper (OC/LFDCB, MS: TWFN 9E10)	
Project Engineer (TSS)	

DOCUMENT NAME: R:\DRPDIR\SPPR\WC.LTR

To receive copy of document, indicate in box: "C" = Copy without enclosures "E" = Copy with enclosures "N" = No copy

PE:DRP/B		C:DRP/B		D:DRS	N	D:DRP		
DNGraves;cm	P	WDJohnson		TPGwynn	WY	JEDyer		
11/13/96		11/13/96		11/27/96		11/27/96		11/ /96

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

030040

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating
Corporation

-4-

NOV 27 1996

bcc to DMB (IE01)

bcc distrib. by RIV:

L. J. Callan	Resident Inspector
DRP Director	SRI (Callaway, RIV)
Branch Chief (DRP/B)	DRS-PSB
Project Engineer (DRP/B)	MIS System
Branch Chief (DRP/TSS)	RIV File
Leah Tremper (OC/LFDCB, MS: TWFN 9E10)	
Project Engineer (TSS)	

DOCUMENT NAME: R:\DRPDIR\SPPR\WC.LTR

To receive copy of document, indicate in box: "C" = Copy without enclosures "E" = Copy with enclosures "N" = No copy

PE:DRP/B	C:DRP/B	D:DRS	D:DRP	
DNGraives;cm	WDJohnson	TPGwynn	JEDyer	
11/13/96	11/13/96	11/27/96	11/27/96	11/ /96

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

ENCLOSURE

WOLF CREEK GENERATING STATION

INSPECTION PLAN

IP - Inspection Procedure

TI - Temporary Instruction

Core Inspection - Minimum NRC Inspection Program (mandatory all plants)

INSPECTION	TITLE/ PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS	DATES	TYPE OF INSPECTION/COMMENTS
IP 86750	Solid Radioactive Waste Management and Transportation of Radioactive Materials	2	12/9-13/96	Core Inspection
IP 84750	Radioactive Waste Treatment, and Effluent and Environmental Monitoring	2	1/6-10/97	Core Inspection
IP 40500 IP 37550	Effectiveness of Licensee Controls in Identifying, Resolving, and Preventing Problems; and Engineering	4	1/27-31/97 2/10-14/97	Core Inspection, additional regional initiative inspection regarding frazil ice event corrective actions, and review of licensee's SSFA on AFW
IP 81700	Physical Security Program for Power Reactors	2	2/18/97	Core Inspection
IP 82301	Evaluation of Exercises for Power Reactors	5	2/24-27/97	Core Inspection
IP 92903	Steam Generator Tube Integrity Inspection Followup	1	3/18-22/97	Regional Initiative activity to followup on licensee actions regarding steam generator operation