

Date: August 21, 1985

## United States Senate

Re: Mr. Allen M. Wooldridge  
2339 George Washington Drive  
Wichita, Kansas 67218

Respectfully referred to:

Mr. Carlton Kammerer  
Director, Office of Congressional Affairs  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive  
to all inquiries and communications, your consideration  
of the attached is requested. Please respond directly  
to the constituent with a copy to my office. Your  
findings and views will be appreciated by

Nancy Landon Kassebaum  
United States Senator

Attention:

Greg Musil

Personal Only

Allen M. Wooldridge, P.E.  
Mech. Engineer, Design  
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Senator J. J. Danahy

15 June 8

Called local office ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> guides not open Sat with all going on.

Did you see this item enclosed. I would like a copy of Safety Report by REC-NRC on hair Cracks in piping voids in welds x-rayed and hydrostatic tests! Piping cleaned <sup>by US</sup> blown inside to 150 microns etc. Welders initials, pull tests etc on all welders before any welder works. All expansion joints ckd 2 times operating pressure

Any question I ask K & E, they have no answers especially Rivers etc

This reactor should like approached for 3 yrs to Dole - to get these lit out of here 18 - 1 blew here and L. Rock.

I have been trained a Fort Belvoir V.

Cham of course still on oxygen. The Press says Medicare is going to cut out paying for oxygen? I hope Reagan wakes up, quit talking, take action, on Terrorists  
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MARIA PREUETT  
Wichita

... 7 p.m. session of ... the TCA ...

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express your feelings.

**SANDI DENNER**  
Wichita

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SEN. NANCY LANDON KASSEBAUM

DUE: 09/10/85  
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EDO CONTROL: 000940

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FINAL REPLY:

TO:

OCA

FOR SIGNATURE OF:

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SECY NO: 85-725

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DESC:

ENCL. LETTER FM ALLEN M. WOOLDRIDGE RE PIPE  
CRACKS AT WOLF CREEK

ROUTING:

TAYLOR  
R. MARTIN

DATE: 08/26/85

ASSIGNED TO: NRR

CONTACT: DENTON

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

NRR RECEIVED: 08/27/85 (10:45 a.m.)

ACTION: DL, H. THOMPSON  
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## CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL TICKET

SECY NUMBER: 85-725

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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

ACTION OFFICE: EDO

AUTHOR: Sen Nancy L. Kassebaum--Const Ref

AFFILIATION: Allen Wooldridge

LETTER DATE: 8/21/85

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ADDRESSEE: OCA

SUBJECT: Encloses news article on allegations of pipe cracks at Wolf Creek

ACTION: Direct Reply.....Suspense: Sept 4

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