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Docket No. 50-482  
License No. NPF-42  
EA 85-127

Kansas Gas and Electric Company  
ATTN: Glenn L. Koester  
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-482/85-35)

This refers to the inspection conducted during the period September 1 through October 4, 1985, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License No. NPF-42, for the Wolf Creek Generating Station, Burlington, Kansas. A number of violations of NRC requirements were identified during this inspection. An enforcement conference was not deemed necessary because of the corrective measures that we understand your staff has taken.

Violation A involves centrifugal charging pump A (CCP-A) which was taken out of service for maintenance on August 27, 1985. The pump was declared operable on August 30, 1985 after maintenance was completed even though the discharge isolation valve for CCP-A was still closed. This resulted in a technical specification action statement being exceeded by 25 hours. You discovered the violation on August 31, 1985 and reported it to the NRC Senior Resident Inspector on the next working day (September 3, 1985).

Violation B involves the failure of a worker to observe protective clothing requirements of a radiation work permit. Violation C involves the violation of a technical specification requirement to establish a fire watch patrol or increase containment temperature monitoring frequency whenever fire detection instrumentation in certain zones is out of service. Violation D addresses a failure to follow installation criteria for various conduits. Violation E involves failure to follow housekeeping requirements.

In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1985), Violation A described in the enclosed Notice has been classified as a Severity Level III violation. Normally, a civil penalty is considered for a Severity Level III violation. However, after consultation with the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, I have decided that a civil penalty will not be proposed in this case because your staff promptly identified and reported the violation to the NRC and unusually prompt and extensive corrective action was taken to prevent recurrence.

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You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. (Other specific responses required should be addressed as required.) After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

**Original signed by:**

**Robert D. Martin**

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Regional Administrator

Enclosure:  
Notice of Violation

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