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The Honorable Richard L. Ottinger, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for your information is an announcement that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has cited the Kansas Gas and Electric Company (KG&E) for an apparent violation of NRC regulations at the Wolf Creek Generating Station and proposes to fine KG&E \$64,000.

It is planned to mail this information to the news media today, September 28, 1984.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:  
As stated

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IDENTICAL LETTER SENT TO:  
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## NRC STAFF CITES KANSAS GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY PROPOSES \$64,000 FINE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has cited the Kansas Gas & Electric Company (KG&E) of Wichita, Kansas, for an apparent violation of NRC regulations and proposes to fine them \$64,000. The infraction involves the Wolf Creek Generating Station, a nuclear project nearing completion, near Burlington, Kansas.

The NRC citation was issued as a result of an investigation and hearing conducted by the Department of Labor (DOL) into a discrimination complaint filed by James E. Wells, Jr., in August 1983. Mr. Wells claimed he was disciplined, discharged, and refused reemployment because he told KG&E's quality assurance manager about various safety problems relating to electric hardware and electrical installations at the Wolf Creek facility.

In June 1984, the Secretary of Labor affirmed an earlier decision of a DOL Administrative Law Judge that a violation of the employee protection provision of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 had occurred. Consequently, after reviewing the DOL record, the NRC found that KG&E was in apparent violation of the Commission's regulations. John T. Collins, Region IV Administrator, today stated in a letter to KG&E that "discrimination by a Commission license against an employee for engaging in certain protected activities is prohibited. The activities protected include reporting of quality discrepancies and safety problems by an employee to his employer."

KG&E is required to respond in writing to the violation within 30 days.

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