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March 3, 2003

Richard A. Muench, President and Chief Executive Officer Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation P.O. Box 411 Burlington, Kansas 66839

SUBJECT: WOLF CREEK GENERATING STATION NRC SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION OF COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER INSPECTION REPORT 50-482/03-02

Dear Mr. Muench:

On January 17, 2003, the NRC completed an inspection at your Wolf Creek Generating Station. The enclosed report documents the inspection findings which were discussed on January 17, 2003, with you and other members of your staff. Additionally, on February 4, 2003, the inspectors conducted a final exit meeting with Mr. K. Harris, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, and other members of your staff.

This inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to safety and compliance with an Order issued on February 25, 2002, which required your site to implement specific measures related to the security of your facility. The inspection utilized Temporary Instruction 2515/148, "Inspection of Nuclear Reactor Safeguards Interim Compensatory Measures," to verify implementation of the Order as clarified in your responses dated March 14, May 8, June 14, and August 30, 2002. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selected examination of procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel.

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Sincerely,

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# U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION IV

Dockets: 50-482

Licenses: NPF-42

Report No.: 50-482/03-02

Licensee: Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation

Facility: Wolf Creek Generating Station

Location: 1550 Oxen Lane, NE

Burlington, Kansas

Dates: January 13 - 17, 2003

Inspectors: L. E. Ellershaw, Senior Reactor Inspector

Ryan E. Lantz, Senior Emergency Preparedness Inspector

Thomas L. Klug, Physical Security Inspector

Approved By: Troy W. Pruett, Chief, Plant Support Branch

Attachment: Supplemental Information

#### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

IR 05000482-03-02, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operations Corporation; 01/13-17/03; Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station; TI 2515/148, Verification of Compliance With Interim Compensatory Measures Order.

The inspection was conducted by one senior reactor inspector, one senior emergency preparedness inspector, and one physical security inspector.

### **Cornerstone: Physical Security**

- On February 25, 2002, the NRC imposed by Order, Interim Compensatory Measures to
  enhance physical security. The inspectors determined that, overall, the licensee appropriately
  incorporated the Interim Compensatory Measures into the site protective strategy and access
  authorization program; developed and implemented relevant procedures; ensured that the
  emergency plan could be implemented; and established and effectively coordinated interface
  agreements with offsite organizations.
- The inspectors identified an unresolved item related to the establishment of standoff distances as specified in Item B.2.a.(1) of the Order. This Item remains open pending review by the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (Section III.B).
- The inspectors determined that management expectations regarding compensatory measures for a loss of a tire cutter were not understood by security personnel (Section III.B).
- The inspectors identified an unresolved item related to the conduct of searches at the vehicle checkpoint as specified in Item B.2.b of the Order. This Item remains open pending review by the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (Section III.C).
- The inspectors identified an unresolved item related to availability of supplementary
  equipment as required by Item B.4.f of the Order. This Item remains open pending review by
  the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (Section V.F).