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SUBJECT: WOLF CREEK GENERATING STATION - FINAL SIGNIFICANCE
DETERMINATION FOR A SECURITY-RELATED GREEN FINDING;
NRC SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT 05000482/2017405

Dear Mr. Heflin:

This letter provides the final results of our significance determination of the preliminary Greater than Green finding identified in our previous communication dated December 21, 2016, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Security Inspection Report 05000482/2016410 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16356A316). This preliminary Greater than Green finding was discussed in detail in Section 4OA3 of that inspection report. The finding was security-related and the deficiencies were promptly corrected or compensated for and, as such, the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements before the inspection team left the site.

At your request, a Regulatory Conference was held on February 3, 2017, to discuss your views on this issue. A copy of the handout provided at this meeting is attached. During the meeting, your staff described your assessment of the significance of the finding and the corrective actions taken to resolve it, including the root cause evaluation of the finding. Specifically, you agreed with the violation, discussed corrective actions that indicated an adequate understanding of the issue, and provided additional information regarding the significance of the finding.

After thoroughly considering the additional information you provided at the regulatory conference, the NRC has concluded that the finding is appropriately characterized as having very low security significance (Green), as described in the enclosed report.

You have 30 calendar days from the date of this letter to appeal the staff's determination of significance for the identified Green finding. Such appeals will be considered to have merit only if they meet the criteria provided in NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, "Significance Determination Process," Attachment 2. An appeal must be sent in writing to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, 1600 E. Lamar Blvd., Arlington, TX 76011-4511.

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This finding involved a violation of NRC requirements. The NRC is treating this violation as a non-cited violation (NCV) consistent with Section 2.3.2.a of the Enforcement Policy.

If you disagree with a cross-cutting aspect assignment in this report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your disagreement, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region IV; the Director, Office of Enforcement; the Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response; and the NRC resident inspector at the Wolf Creek Generating Station.

One cross-cutting aspect was assigned to a finding in the area of Human Performance. Specifically, the licensee failed to provide adequate training to maintain a knowledgeable and technically competent workforce [H.9].

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However, the enclosed report contains Security-Related Information, so the enclosed report will not be made publically available in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1). If you choose to provide a response that contains Security-Related Information, please mark your entire response "Security-Related Information–Withhold from public disclosure under 10 CFR 2.390" in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1) and follow the instructions for withholding in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1). The NRC is waiving the affidavit requirements for your response in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii).

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Division of Reactor Safety

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