

**PRIORITY ATTENTION REQUIRED MORNING REPORT - REGION IV APRIL 25, 2000**

**Licensee/Facility:**

**Notification:**

Nebraska Public Power District  
Cooper 1  
Brownville, Nebraska  
Dockets: 50-298  
BWR/GE-4

MR Number: **4-00-0013**  
Date: 04/24/00  
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**Subject:** UPDATE TO 4/18/00 MORNING REPORT -- EQUIPMENT QUALIFICATION DEFICIENCIES WITH OKONITE TAPED SPLICES

**Reportable Event Number:** N/A

**Discussion:**

On April 22, licensee management issued a stop work order on the application of 3M tape on environmentally qualified splices until resolution of discrepancies associated with the 3M qualification test report. The 3M tape splices were being used to replace existing Okonite splices. Identified discrepancies in the qualification test report included the installation methodology and the adequacy of the electrical testing of the representative splice.

As of April 24, the licensee was continuing efforts to identify the scope of the use of taped splices. Licensee personnel inspecting terminal boxes in the reactor building over the weekend identified an additional 26 EQ splices with Okonite tape treatments. Licensee management has stated that all identified Okonite tape on environmentally qualified splices will be replaced.

The licensee ended their refueling outage on April 21 stating that all refueling work was complete and declared a forced outage for the purpose of repair and resolution of the issues related to taped splices at the facility.

**Regional Action:**

NRC personnel are evaluating the licensee's actions to correct EQ taped splice deficiencies.

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