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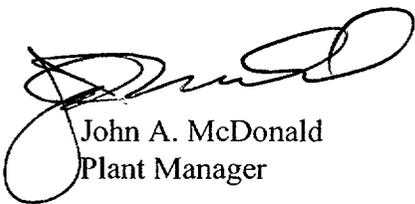
Gentlemen:

Subject: Monthly Operating Status Report for March 2001, Docket No. 50-298

Enclosed for your information and use is the Cooper Nuclear Station Monthly Operating Status Report for March 2001. In accordance with the guidance provided by Generic Letter 97-02, this report includes an Operating Data Report and Unit Shutdown Report for the month of March. In accordance with Technical Specification 5.6.4, this report also includes documentation of challenges to the safety/relief valves.

Should you have any comments or require additional information regarding this report, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Plant Manager

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**APPENDIX A  
OPERATING DATA REPORT**

DOCKET NO. 050-0298  
 UNIT NAME Cooper Nuclear Station  
 DATE 4/12/01  
 COMPLETED BY Rodrick Wilson  
 TELEPHONE (402) 825-5135

Reporting Period: March 2001

	This Month	Yr.-to-Date	Cumulative
1. Design Electrical Rating (Net MWe). The nominal net electrical output of the unit specified by the utility and used for the purpose of plant design.	<u>778</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
2. Maximum Dependable Capacity (Net MWe): The gross electrical output as measured at the output terminals of the turbine-generator during the most restrictive seasonal conditions minus the normal station service loads.	<u>764</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
3. Number of Hours the Reactor Was Critical. The total number of hours during the gross hours of the reporting period that the reactor was critical.	<u>416.8</u>	<u>1,832.8</u>	<u>178,634.8</u>
4. Number of Hours the Generator Was On Line. (Also called Service Hours). The total number of hours during the gross hours of the reporting period that the unit operated with the breakers closed to the station bus. The sum of the hours the generator was on line plus the total outage hours should equal the gross hours in the reporting period.	<u>395.2</u>	<u>1,811.2</u>	<u>176,156.5</u>
5. Unit Reserve Shutdown Hours. The total number of hours during the gross hours of the reporting period that the unit was removed from service for economic or similar reasons but was available for operation.	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
6. Net Electrical Energy (MWH). The gross electrical output of the unit measured at the output terminals of the turbine-generator minus the normal station service loads during the gross hours of the reporting period, expressed in megawatt hours. Negative quantities should not be used.	<u>276,090.0</u>	<u>1,358,724.0</u>	<u>118,495,704.2</u>

**APPENDIX B  
UNIT SHUTDOWNS**

<b>DOCKET NO.</b>	<u>050-0298</u>
<b>UNIT NAME</b>	<u>Cooper Nuclear Station</u>
<b>DATE</b>	<u>4/12/01</u>
<b>COMPLETED BY</b>	<u>Rodrick Wilson</u>
<b>TELEPHONE</b>	<u>(402) 825-5135</u>

**REPORT MONTH**                      March 2001

No.	Date	Type F: FORCED S: SCHEDULED	Duration (Hours)	Reason (1)	Method Of Shutting Down Reactor (2)	CAUSE/CORRECTIVE ACTIONS COMMENTS
01-01	3/3/01	S        Scheduled	348.8	B	2	MCO for removal and replacement of failed fuel bundle

**SUMMARY:**    Shutdown 3-March 2001 for mid-cycle outage. Replaced one failed bundle, moved fuel as necessary and proceeded with startup on 17-March 2001.

- (1) Reason:
- A - Equipment Failure (Explain)
  - B - Maintenance or Test
  - C - Refueling
  - D - Regulatory Restriction
  - E - Operator Training/License Examination
  - F - Administrative
  - G - Operational Error (Explain)
  - H - Other (Explain)

- (2) Method:
- 1 - Manual
  - 2 - Manual Trip/Scram
  - 3 - Automatic Trip/Scram
  - 4 - Continuation
  - 5 - Other (Explain)

**APPENDIX C  
SAFETY/RELIEF VALVE CHALLENGES  
MARCH 2001**

There were no challenges to the safety/relief valves during the month of March.

