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Dear Mr. McGhee:

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF UPCOMING MEETING

Last year, the NRC conducted public meetings in the vicinity of all of the country's nuclear power plants to inform interested persons of the agency's new reactor oversight program. One of the key points which was shared during this presentation was the manner by which the NRC would assess the operational performance of it's various licensees and communicate the results to the public.

Each year, an integrated assessment of performance is conducted, based upon the risk significance of the inspection findings of the NRC's resident and region-based inspectors, and the insights gained from the licensee-provided performance indicators. The results are then communicated with the public through a public meeting held in the vicinity of each reactor power plant. Nationally, plants with significant performance shortcomings are reviewed by the NRC's senior management and discussed with the Commission in a public meeting in Rockville, Maryland.

We have completed the assessments associated with this year's inspections and performance indicators for Cooper Nuclear Station. The results can be found at http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/CNS/cns_chart.html. We have also scheduled a public meeting to discuss the results. The meeting for Cooper Nuclear Station is scheduled for June 4, 2001, at the Arbor Manor Inn in Auburn, Nebraska. The meeting is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.

We are offering local decision-makers an opportunity to meet separately with the senior NRC manager immediately following the public meeting. This opportunity is intended to provide you a forum to ask any questions which you may have, and to let you meet personally the NRC personnel with whom you would interface in the event of an emergency at the nuclear power plant.

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We hope you find this opportunity responsive to your needs and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Should you have any questions concerning this initiative, please contact me at 817/860-8267.

Sincerely,

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