

June 15, 2001

LICENSEE: Nebraska Public Power District

FACILITY: Cooper Nuclear Station

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT TO DISCUSS LICENSING ACTIONS AND A FOLLOWUP DROP-IN MEETING WITH THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) SENIOR MANAGEMENT

On May 15, 2001, the managers of the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD, licensee) visited the NRC Headquarters for a drop-in visit to brief the NRC senior management on the licensee's activities regarding operation of Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS). Coincident with the drop-in visit the licensee also visited with the NRC Project's staff. At the meeting with the project's staff, the licensee discussed its pending request to NRC for review of the revised methodology for radiological assessment of design-basis accidents, and briefed the NRC staff on potential increase in summer river water temperature due to reduction in river flow being considered by the river water management authorities. This may impact the operation of other plants on the Mississippi River. Enclosure 1 is the list of attendees at the NPPD meeting with the NRC staff.

Due to the limitation of the NRC resources and some delay in the licensee's submittal, the NRC evaluation of the methodology for assessment of some of the accidents will be deferred. However, the NRC will complete the evaluation of methodologies of other accidents that are essential as a basis for considering authorization of CNS operation following the next refueling outage scheduled for November 2001. The review of the deferred accidents will continue and the evaluation of the deferred methodologies will be completed prior to the end of the fuel cycle scheduled to start after November 2001 refueling outage.

For potential increase in river water temperature during the summer of 2001, the licensee is performing evaluation to determine whether it can safely exceed the current Technical Specification ultimate heat sink temperature limit of 90 deg F. If feasible, the licensee will request an amendment to the Technical Specifications for approval of higher ultimate heat sink temperature.

At the drop-in visit with the NRC senior management, the licensee provided the NRC briefing slides (Enclosure 2), CNS Strategic Plan for 2001-2006 (Enclosure 3), and a CNS Performance Report (Enclosure 4).

The licensee also handed out charts for Design Engineering Corrective Action Program Backlog Reduction (Enclosure 5), and Histogram of Problem Identification Reports for 1997-2000 (Enclosure 6).

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