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SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION - ASSESSMENT FOLLOW-UP

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We have identified two White inspection findings in the emergency preparedness area. The first finding involved the failure of your formal emergency preparedness critique process to identify a risk-significant performance problem. The final significance determination for this White finding was documented in our December 26, 2000, letter to you. The second finding involved the failure to implement effective corrective actions to prevent recurrence of a risk-significant performance weakness. The final significance determination for this White finding was documented in our August 13, 2001, letter to you. Pursuant to Inspection Manual Chapter 0305, a cornerstone that has two White findings represents a degraded cornerstone.

This letter is to inform you that we will be planning a supplemental inspection, using Inspection Procedure 95002, at your facility during the period November 5-9, 2001, to review the two White findings identified in NRC Inspection Reports 50-298/2000-16 and 50-298/2001-04 and corrective actions described in your September 13, 2001, letter to us. We will review the results of your internal evaluation to: (1) provide assurance that the root causes and contributing causes are understood, (2) independently assess the extent of conditions, and (3) provide assurance that the corrective actions are sufficient to address the root and contributing causes, and to prevent recurrence.

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Please contact me at 817-860-8215 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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