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January 14, 2009

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SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION – NRC INSPECTION SITE-SPECIFIC
IMPLEMENTATION OF B.5.B PHASE 2 AND 3 MITIGATING STRATEGIES
TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION INSPECTION REPORT 05000298/2008006

Dear Mr. Minahan:

On December 18, 2008, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a site-specific implementation of B.5.b, Phase 2 and 3, temporary instruction team inspection of your Cooper Nuclear Station. The enclosed report documents the team's results, which were discussed on December 18, 2008, with you and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to the implementation of B.5.b, Phase 2 and 3, mitigating strategies, your compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations, and with the condition of your operating license. Within these areas, the inspection involved examination of selected procedures and records, observation of activities, and interviews with station personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, no findings of significance were identified.

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Sincerely,

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