

## **SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION**

February 6, 2009

Mr. Brian O'Grady  
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Cooper Nuclear Station  
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SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION SECURITY INSPECTION 05000298/2008201

Dear Mr. O'Grady:

On October 31, 2008, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at your Cooper Nuclear Station. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on October 30, 2008 with you, and December 17, 2008, with Mr. Art Zaremba and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel. This report documents one finding of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the Physical Protection Significance Determination Process). The deficiency was promptly corrected or compensated for, and the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements within the scope of this inspection before the inspectors left the site. However, because of the very low security significance and because it is entered into your corrective action program, the NRC is treating the violation as a non-cited violation (NCV) consistent with Section VI.A1 of the NRC Enforcement Policy. If you contest this non-cited violation, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN.: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator Region IV; Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Cooper Nuclear Station.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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