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October 26, 2011

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SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION - NRC PHYSICAL SECURITY INSPECTION
REPORT 05000298/2011403

Dear Mr. O'Grady:

On September 29, 2011, 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 September 29, 2011, with Mr. D. Willis, General Manager, Plant Operations, 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.

No findings were identified.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

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