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REGION IV  
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September 2, 2013

Mr. Oscar A. Limpas, Vice President-Nuclear  
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SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION - TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION 2515/186,  
"INSPECTION OF PROCEDURES AND PROCESS FOR RESPONDING  
TO POTENTIAL AIRCRAFT THREATS"; INSPECTION REPORT  
NUMBER 05000298/2013405

Dear Mr. Limpas:

On August 1, 2013, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at Cooper Nuclear Station using Temporary Instruction 2515/186, "Inspection of Procedures and Processes for Responding to Potential Aircraft Threats." The enclosed inspection report documents the results of the inspection, which were preliminarily discussed on June 26, 2013, with Jim Schroeder, Operations Manager and other members of your staff. After discussing the results with the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), an exit meeting was conducted via telephone phone on August 1, 2013.

The objective of this inspection was to assess the implementation procedures and processes of your Cooper Nuclear Station that are required by Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 50.54(hh)(1), which provides the requirements for responding to a potential aircraft threat. The results from this inspection, along with the results from this inspection performed at other operating commercial nuclear plants in the United States, will be used to evaluate the U.S. nuclear industry's readiness to safely respond to similar events. These results will also help the NRC to determine if additional regulatory actions are warranted.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to the implementation of 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(1), your compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations, and with the conditions of your operating licenses. Within these areas, the inspection involved examination of selected procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel.

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Based on results of this inspection, no NRC-identified or self-revealed findings were identified. However, the one observation related to procedures and communications were identified by the inspectors which required additional clarification and attention by the licensee. The observations were of very low safety significance and were determined not to be violations of regulatory requirements.

If you contest any finding or the subject in this report, 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; the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at Cooper Nuclear Station.

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Should you have any questions regarding this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss the issues with you.

Sincerely,

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Division of Reactor Safety

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