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**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO CLOSE REMAINING CONFIRMATORY
ACTION LETTER COMMITMENTS**

Dear Mr. Marik:

This letter is in response to your letter dated October 31, 2016 (ML16305A104), requesting that the remaining eight open confirmatory action letter items be closed. Your request was based on Omaha Public Power District's permanent cessation of power operations at Fort Calhoun Station and certification to the NRC of the permanent removal of fuel from the Fort Calhoun Station reactor vessel by letter dated November 13, 2016 (ML16319A254).

The NRC reviewed your request and concluded, since Fort Calhoun Station has permanently ceased power operations and fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel, that the potential fuel-related accident scenarios are limited to the spent fuel pool. However, since spent fuel pool cooling still relies on structures, systems, and components that are part of the open confirmatory action letter items, the NRC needs additional information regarding how Omaha Public Power District will evaluate fuel-related accidents in the spent fuel pool at the Fort Calhoun Station.

Based on telephone conversations between Corey Cameron, Principal Regulatory Specialist, Fort Calhoun Station, and John Dixon, Senior Project Engineer, Region IV, the NRC understands that as part of your planned License Amendment Request related to the Permanently Defueled Emergency Plan, Omaha Public Power District will provide information regarding how Fort Calhoun Station will address spent fuel pool fuel-related accidents. This will include which structures, systems, and components will be required to support spent fuel safety. The NRC will review this submittal to ensure it addresses the remaining open confirmatory action letter items. Following review of the Permanently Defueled Energy Plan, the NRC will document the results of the review of remaining CAL items in future correspondence.

S. Marik

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Please contact Geoffrey Miller at 817-200-1173, with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Kriss M. Kennedy
Regional Administrator

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