

## SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION

June 1, 2017

Mr. Kenneth Higginbotham  
Vice President-Nuclear and CNO  
Nebraska Public Power District  
Cooper Nuclear Station  
72676 648A Avenue  
Brownville, NE 68321

SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR PLANT - NRC SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT  
05000298/2017201

Dear Mr. Higginbotham:

On May 10, 2017, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security inspection at your Cooper Nuclear Plant. NRC inspectors discussed results of this inspection with Mr. Kenneth Higginbotham, Vice President-Nuclear and Chief Nuclear Officer (CNO), and other members of your staff. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

The NRC inspectors did not identify any findings or violations of more than minor significance.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii), the NRC is waiving the affidavit requirements for your response.

Sincerely,

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Robert C. Johnson, Chief  
Security Performance Evaluation Branch  
Division of Security Operations  
Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

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Nonpublic Enclosure: Inspection Report 05000298/2017201 w/Attachment:  
Supplemental Information

cc w/ enclosure: Jerry Bebb, Site Security Manager

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