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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION IV  
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ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76012

October 12, 1979

In Reply Refer To:  
Docket No. 50-298/79-14

Nebraska Public Power District  
ATTN: Mr. J. M. Pilant, Director  
Licensing and Quality Assurance  
P. O. Box 499  
Columbus, Nebraska 68601

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. G. L. Constable, R. Smith and S. R. Dean of this office during the period September 10-14 and 19-21, 1979, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License DPR-46, and to the discussions of the findings with Mr. L. C. Lessor.

Principal areas examined during the inspection included: (1) review of plant operations; (2) Quality Assurance Program; (3) Part 21 Report; (4) follow-up on IE Bulletins; (5) IE Circulars; and (6) LER's. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

Based on the results of this inspection it appears that certain of **your** activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Enclosure (1). This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office within 20 days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement or explanation in reply including: (1) corrective steps which have been taken by you, and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report

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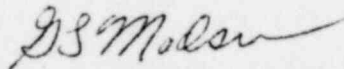
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contains any information that you or your contractors believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must include a full statement of reasons on the basis of which it is claimed that the information is proprietary and should be prepared so that the proprietary information identified in the application is contained in a separate part of the document. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

  
G. L. Madsen, Chief,  
Reactor Operations and  
Nuclear Support Branch

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. IE Inspection Report No. 50-298/79-14

cc w/enclosures:

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