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November 9, 1979

In Reply Refer To: Docket No. 50-298/79-15

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

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. R. A. Caldwell and Ms. C. Abigail Evans of this office on October 16-19, 1979, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-46 for the Cooper Nuclear Station, and to the discussion of our findings with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The area examined during this inspection was your program for protecting against industrial sabotage and safeguarding special nuclear material pursuant to applicable provisions of 10 CFR 50, "Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities"; Part 73, "Physical Protection of Plants and Materials"; and specific requirements of NRC License No. DPR-46. Within this area, the inspection consisted of selective examinations by the inspectors and review of the Physical Protection Plan for the Cooper Nuclear Station.

Within the scope of this inspection, no items of noncompliance were identified.

In accordance with Section 2.790(d) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, documentation of findings of your control and accounting procedures for safeguarding special nuclear materials and your facility security procedures are exempt from disclosure; therefore, the inspection report will not be placed in the Public Document Room and will receive limited distribution.

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

Sincerely,

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