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Docket No. 50-298

Nebraska Public Power District  
Attn: Mr. J. M. Pilant  
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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of October 11, 1980, in response to our letter dated September 8, 1980, regarding three apparent items of noncompliance and three significant weaknesses identified during the health physics appraisal conducted May 5-16, 1980. We have no further questions regarding the responses to the items of noncompliance and will review your corrective actions for these items during a future inspection. We also have no additional questions regarding two significant appraisal findings, identified as items A and B in Appendix A, "Significant Appraisal Findings", to our letter referenced above. However, as a result of our review of your response to item C of Appendix A we find that additional information is needed.

Specifically, the Appraisal Team considered your personnel contamination monitoring practices at the reactor building airlock to be less than adequate. Your corrective action response to this finding proposes use of a new monitor by October 1, 1981, and does not address interim measures which could be implemented relatively rapidly, such as use of the existing frisker by personnel during the evaluation period for the proposed monitor, or alternate action to be taken in the event that this monitor is found to be either not available or unsatisfactory for use.

You are requested to re-evaluate and describe the action you will take to correct this apparent weakness in your health physics program. Please provide this additional information within twenty (20) days after your receipt of this letter to enable us to complete our review in a timely manner.

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

Sincerely,

*for*   
Karl V. Seyfrit  
Director

cc w/enclosures:

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