In Reply Refer To: Docket: 50-298/89-32

Nebraska Public Power District ATTN: Mr. George A. Trevors Division Manager - Nuclear Support P.O. Box 499 Columbus, Nebraska 68602-0499

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. G. L. Madsen, W. R. Bennett, and G. A. Pick of this office during the period September 1-30, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License DPR-46 for Cooper Nuclear Station, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. M. Meacham and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included operational safety verification, monthly surveillance and maintenance observations, engineered safety features walkdown, and followup of 10 CFR Part 21 Reports, IE Bulletin 88-07, and Information Notices. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. In this instance, in accordance with Section V.A. of the NRC's Enforcement Policy, no citation is being issued for the violation described in paragraph 4 of the enclosed inspection report.

We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 7 of the enclosed report.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By: Thomas P. Gwynn James L. Milhoan, Director Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: (see next page)

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Enclosure: Appendix - NRC Inspection Report 50-298/89-32

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