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In Reply Refer To:  
Docket: 50-285/89-42

Omaha Public Power District  
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. H. F. Bundy of this office during the period October 30 through November 3, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License DPR-40 for Fort Calhoun Station, and to the discussion of our findings with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The area examined during the inspection was the review of your surveillance procedures and records. Within this area, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

Within the scope of the inspection, no violations or deviations were identified. However, your policies with regard to the repeated waivers of testing for the control element assembly withdrawal prohibit feature in monthly Procedure ST-RPS-1 are of particular concern to us. Your disposition that testing this feature was erroneously included in Surveillance Procedure ST-RPS-1 and was within the scope of another Technical Specification covered by Surveillance Procedure ST-CEA-1 at refueling intervals appears to be technically sound. The points of our concern are that your maintenance, engineering, and operations personnel did not understand the basis for the monthly waivers and that it required 2 days for your operations staff to develop a basis for the waivers. We also noted a general weakness in documenting the bases for waivers of acceptance criteria as discussed in the attached report. We recommend that you review your policies with regard to waivers of surveillance test procedure requirements and take the appropriate action deemed necessary to assure that they are justified and adequately documented. This matter will be reviewed during future inspections.

We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to a previously identified inspection finding. The status of this item is identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:  
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report  
50-285/89-42 w/attachment

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