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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: 50-298/90-02

Nebraska Public Power District
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. W. R. Bennett and G. A. Pick of this office during the period January 16 through February 15, 1990, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License DPR-46 for Cooper Nuclear Station, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. G. R. Horn and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included operational safety verification, monthly surveillance observations, monthly maintenance observations, scram discharge volume capability verification, preparation for refueling, licensee event reports followup, and fitness-for-duty training programs. 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 while certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements, you had identified the problems and were taking appropriate corrective actions within a reasonable period. Because the NRC wants to encourage and support licensee initiative for self-identification and correction of problems, a Notice of Violation will not be issued on this item. This action is being taken in accordance with Appendix C, paragraph V.G.1, of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Mr. Horn has additionally committed to perform a review of all surveillance procedures to clarify instructions for test lead connections and to make any necessary corrections by August 31, 1990.

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 8 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,

Original Signed By:

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Enclosure:

Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
50-298/90-02 w/Attachment

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