

## APPENDIX A

### NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Nebraska Public Power District  
Cooper Nuclear Station

Docket: 50-298  
License: DPR-46

During an NRC inspection conducted on February 1-5, 1993 a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR 2, Appendix C, the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification 3.19A states that fire barrier and fire wall penetration fire seals integrity shall be maintained. Technical Specification 3.19B states that if the requirement of Technical Specification 3.19A cannot be met, a continuous fire watch shall be established on at least one side of the penetration within one hour.

Contrary to the above, the licensee failed to assign fire watches to monitor fire barriers for which integrity could not be verified as follows:

- On February 2, 1993, the assigned fire watch in the residual heat removal service water booster pumps and service air compressor area, was unaware of an inoperable Thermo-lag fire barrier located on the south wall behind an air dryer, which he was suppose to monitor. As a result, the fire watch was not in a position to monitor the inoperable fire barrier. Based on an interview with the fire watch, this condition appeared to have existed for at least 6 months.
- On February 2, 1993, there was no fire watch assigned to monitor a Thermo-lag fire resisting barrier enclosing vertical cable risers in the cable spreading room. The fire barrier should have been declared inoperable pursuant to instructions given in NRC Bulletin No. 92-01, Supplement 1, "Failure of Thermo-Lag 330 Fire Barrier System to Perform its Specified Fire Endurance Function," dated August 28, 1992. This condition existed since the time the bulletin was issued.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (298/9305-01)(Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR Part 2.201, Nebraska Public Power District is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation or if contested, the basis for disputing the

violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or demand for information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Arlington, Texas  
this *26th* day of *February* 1993