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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Special Report on Inoperability of Fire Protection
Equipment

The Omaha Public Power District, holder of Operating License DPR-40, submits this special report pursuant to the requirements of Fort Calhoun Station Unit No. 1 Technical Specification 2.19, "Fire Protection Systems".

Fort Calhoun Station Unit No. 1 Technical Specification 2.19(8) requires the control room, switchgear room, and cable spreading room Halon fire suppression systems be operable. With a Halon system inoperable, the establishment of a continuous fire watch with backup fire suppression equipment is required. The system must be restored to operable status within 14 days, or a report must be submitted to the NRC within 30 additional days, outlining the cause of the inoperability and the plans for restoring the system to operable status.

On December 15, 1990, the Halon fire suppression system for the control room walk-in cabinets was declared inoperable. The cause of inoperability was that the Halon containment integrity of the cabinet was breached when a metal panel was removed to support required work inside the cabinets during a unit outage. The metal panel was reinstalled, and the Halon system was declared operable on January 7, 1991. Appropriate compensatory measures, as required by Technical Specification 2.19(8), were maintained for the duration of the impairment.

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