



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV
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ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-8064

JUN 29 1993

Docket: 50-298
License: DPR-46

Nebraska Public Power District
ATTN: Guy R. Horn, Nuclear Power
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-298/93-20 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. T. O. McKernon and the personnel of this office identified in the enclosed report on May 24-28, 1993. The inspection included an assessment of the qualifications of individuals who had applied for licenses to operate your Cooper Nuclear Station facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, findings of significance were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of evaluation of license applicants by the use of written examinations, dynamic simulations, selected job-related tasks, and oral questioning in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examiner Standards," Revision 6. The results of this inspection are documented on pages 1 and 2, in the enclosed report. Based on these results, all of the applicants demonstrated adequate competency and have been issued the appropriate licenses.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain licensed activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation pertained to an inadequate procedure and is of concern because it is indicative of weaknesses in the verification and validation process during procedural change activities.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

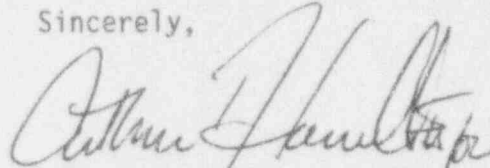
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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

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

Sincerely,



Samuel J. Collins, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-298/93-20

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