



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-8064

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Docket: 50-285  
License: DPR-40

Omaha Public Power District  
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-285/93-12 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. R. Mullikin, R. Azua, and D. Kelley of this office on June 24 through July 16, 1993. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Fort Calhoun Station facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings 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 selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

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). Two violations represent a failure to control switchyard activities at your facility. In addition, it was noted that inadequate and ineffective communications between the work crews in the switchyard and the licensed operator in the control room were contributing factors to this event. We are particularly concerned regarding the unauthorized maintenance in the switchyard since extensive information has been provided by the NRC to all licensees regarding the need to ensure that switchyard activities are controlled to prevent inadvertent offsite power interruptions. The violation concerning an inadequate equipment tagout is important due to the potential for personnel injury.

A management meeting has been scheduled for August 19, 1993, to gain a better understanding of your view concerning the significance of this event, its causes, and the actions you have taken and planned to ensure positive control of switchyard 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

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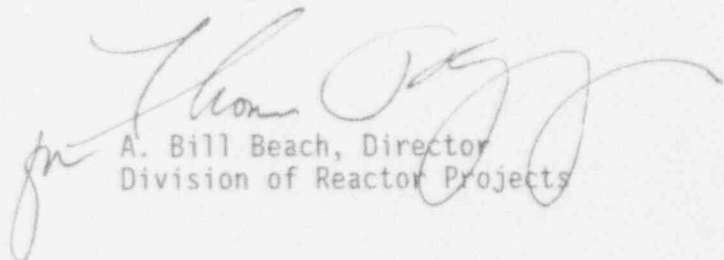
actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 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.

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 please to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

  
A. Bill Beach, Director  
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Enclosure:  
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report  
50-285/93-12 w/attachments

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