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Nebraska Public Power District ATTN: Guy R. Horn, Vice President - Nuclear P.O. Box 98 Brownville, Nebraska 68321

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-298/93-029 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by R. Kopriva, and the inspectors identified in the enclosed report, of this office on November 21, 1993, through January 1, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Cooper Nuclear Station facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and 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 examinations 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). The violation is of concern because maintenance personnel sampled the lube oil from safety-related equipment without sending the lube oil to a laboratory for analysis as specified by your procedures.

In addition, an unresolved item was opened addressing the failure to follow surveillance testing procedures. This item was left open pending NRC review of your corrective actions to address human performance errors.

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 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 pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Bill Beach, Director ivision of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation 2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report 50-298/93-029

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