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Omaha Public Power District
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-285/90-38)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. R. Mullikin, T. Reis, and G. Pick of this office on September 11 through October 22, 1990. 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 observations of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). We are concerned about the violation because it shows a lapse in the effectiveness of your enhancement program in the area of design basis reconstitution.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions 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 addition, as a result of continuing problems in your equipment tagging program, you have committed to study programs at other facilities which are recognized in the industry as having superior programs, and incorporate lessons learned by March 1, 1991. Further, it is our understanding that you will thoroughly brief your operations personnel on the results of the apparent

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procedural noncompliance regarding the boric acid batching issue of May 1990. The specifics of your commitments are outlined in paragraph 8 of the enclosed report. Should your understanding of these commitments differ from ours, please contact me immediately.

During this inspection, a concern was identified with respect to your discarding of physical evidence that could have been analyzed to determine the specific root cause for the failure of the seal cartridge installed in Reactor Coolant Pump RC-3A. During previous events, physical evidence was discarded and, as a result, you stated that a procedure would be issued, as a program enhancement, to maintain all evidence for analysis. We are concerned that the program enhancement you implemented may not provide the appropriate controls for maintaining physical evidence to ensure that the evidence is available for analysis. For this reason, it is requested that you submit a letter to this office describing the actions that you plan to take to ensure that appropriate controls have been implemented.

One unresolved item is identified in paragraph 4.b of the enclosed inspection report.

We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 8 of the enclosed report.

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,

Samuel J. Collins, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-285/90-38

cc w/Enclosures: (see next page)

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