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- References:
1. Docket No. 50-285
 2. Letter from NRC (S. J. Collins) to OPPD (W. G. Gates) dated November 23, 1990 (Inspection Report 50-285/90-38)
 3. Letter from OPPD (W. G. Gates) to NRC (Document Control Desk) dated December 19, 1990 (LIC-90-0983)

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Implementation of Controls for Maintaining Physical Evidence at Fort Calhoun Station Unit No. 1

This letter is to inform you of additional controls that Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) is implementing to ensure the proper maintenance of physical evidence at Fort Calhoun Station. The need to implement more effective controls was identified in Reference 2, where physical evidence, which could have been used to analyze the specific root cause for the failure of a reactor coolant pump seal cartridge, was inadvertently discarded.

Following review of this event, it was determined that the revised procedure for tagging and disposal of physical evidence did not include specific instructions for proper labeling. To strengthen the requirement for the proper handling and labeling of physical evidence, OPPD's Nuclear Operations Division Procedure NOD-QP-19 "Root Cause Analysis Guideline" will be revised by February 28, 1991.

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This revision of NOD-QP-19 includes specific instructions which will effectively read that all evidence must be properly bagged, tagged and labeled in such a way that no bag containing physical evidence can be inadvertently destroyed or discarded as trash. This revision should prevent recurrence.

If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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