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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Nebraska Public Power District  
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SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION OPERATIONAL SAFETY TEAM INSPECTION  
NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-298/93-202 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by the Operational Safety Team on November 1-5 and November 13-19, 1993. The inspection report was issued January 3, 1994, and a letter addressing the apparent violations in the report was transmitted to you on March 1, 1994. An enforcement conference was held on April 4, 1994, for a discussion of the apparent violations. You had previously requested a management meeting to discuss the broader aspects of these issues and the improvement initiatives that you are currently implementing. The management meeting was conducted immediately following the enforcement conference.

Based on the NRC's review of the inspection findings and further information supplied by you at the enforcement conference, NRC has determined that certain licensed activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and that the violations are appropriately classified at Severity Level IV in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions."

Based on your presentation at the enforcement conference, the NRC has decided not to issue one of the apparent violations listed in our letter, dated March 1, 1994. The apparent violation involved your apparent failure to take actions for inservice testing that indicated an increased frequency for testing was required. However, the failure to promptly review and implement corrective actions to resolve the conditions, which resulted in equipment remaining in the alert range, indicates a lack of management involvement in the implementation of the inservice test program.

While the violations have been classified at Severity Level IV, the NRC is concerned with the scope of the violations identified. It was found that both programmatic and implementation weaknesses existed in essentially each area inspected. Of particular concern were the organization interface problems and insufficient procedural controls for the implementation of work activities and design modifications. A lack of a questioning attitude contributed to many of the violations identified.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your

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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,



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Notice of Violation

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