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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Special Report on Inoperability of Fire Protection Equipment

The Omaha Public Power District (OPPD), holder of Operating License DPR-40, submits this report pursuant to the requirements of Fort Calhoun Station (FCS) Unit No. 1, Technical Specification (TS) 2.19, "Fire Protection System."

On April 20, 1994, Fire Protection Impairment Permit (FPIP) 3901 was initiated to address inoperability of fire detectors in the FCS Intake Structure and ensure that Technical Specification requirements were addressed. The FPIP was required in order to support Modification MR-FC-85-036, "Fire Detection System Upgrade."

Technical Specification 2.19(1) required a minimum of 50% of the fire detection instrumentation of zones in specified areas outside of containment to be operable. With more than 50% of the detectors inoperable in a zone in safety related areas outside of the containment or with two adjacent detectors in a zone inoperable, TS 2.19(1)a required an hourly fire watch patrol to be established. Technical Specification 2.19(1)b required that the inoperable instruments be restored to operable status within 14 days, or a report be prepared and submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, pursuant to TS 5.9.3, within an additional 30 days.

Due to the nature of the work involved, the duration of the impairment has exceeded 14 days. The Intake Structure fire detectors are scheduled to be returned to operable status by June 15, 1994. Appropriate compensatory measures will remain in place for the duration of the impairment.

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If you should have any questions, please contact me.

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