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MEMORANDUM FOR: John T. Collins, Regional Administrator  
FROM: J. E. Gagliardo, Director, DRRP&EP  
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 12 MEETING WITH NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT (DN 50-298)

Region IV management conducted an enforcement conference with senior members of Nebraska Public Power District, in the Region IV office on April 12, 1982. The attendees at this meeting are listed in the attachment. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Region IV concerns and enforcement options being considered with regard to the inadequacies in the installation of NPPDs emergency warning system.

Charles Hackney, of the Region IV staff, began the meeting by reviewing the chronology of the emergency preparedness requirements which had been imposed on licensees through the regulations and the NUREG documents. John Collins then outlined the events of March 10 and March 11, 1982, and the special inspection that was conducted of the installation of the portable sirens. Eric Johnson, of the Region IV office, then discussed the results of the special inspection and the results of the follow-up inspection that was done to confirm that the actions taken by the licensee conformed with the commitments made on March 11, as documented in the Confirmation of Action Letter issued by Region IV.

Mr. Collins and other members of the Region IV staff then discussed the concerns that Region IV had with regard to (1) a perceived attitude problem, (2) inadequate management controls, and (3) the generic implications of the specific problem. Mr. Collins also discussed the enforcement options which were being considered and indicated that Region IV did plan to recommend the issuance of a civil penalty in this case. He also indicated that an investigation was being conducted regarding the false statement submitted by NPPD regarding the installation of the emergency warning system. None of our findings associated with the investigation were discussed with the licensee.

The licensee representatives indicated that they understood the concerns expressed by Region IV and assured the region that action would be taken to correct the problem.

The licensee representatives and the Region IV staff also discussed concerns regarding the fact that the control of site activities are so strongly dependent on the site manager's direct involvement, and that Region IV is concerned with an apparent lack of depth in the capabilities and involvement

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of the corporate management. Region IV representatives expressed concern that the loss of the site manager might have a significant impact on the continued safe operation of the Cooper Nuclear Station. NPPD management acknowledged their understanding of the Region IV concerns and indicated that they had been, and would continue to try and correct this situation.

Mr. Barber, of NPPD, invited Region IV management to attend one of the upcoming NPPD board meetings to communicate our concerns to the board as a whole. Mr. Collins indicated that he would make every attempt to attend either the April 27, or the May 13 board meeting. Mr. Taylor, of the NPPD board, also requested that in the NRC's consideration of the civil penalty to be imposed, consideration be given to the fact that NPPD is a public utility. Region IV management acknowledged this fact but made no commitment regarding the determination of the civil penalty sanction.

John Collins expressed appreciation to the NPPD representatives for coming down to discuss the region's concerns. The licensee representatives assured the region that action would be taken to resolve the concerns expressed by the region. Charles Hackney of the Region IV staff closed the meeting by reviewing with NPPD representatives, the incident response center equipment and capabilities, after which the meeting was adjourned.

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