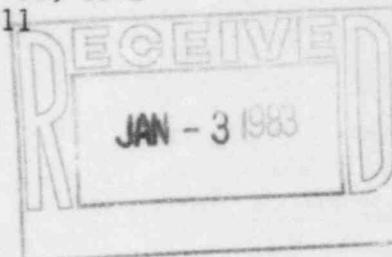


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Mr. W. C. Seidle, Chief  
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 U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Reference: Docket No. 50-285

Dear Mr. Seidle:

Chemical and Radiation Protection (C/RP)  
 Technician Staffing at the Fort Calhoun Station

Omaha Public Power District's letter to the Commission dated January 30, 1981 provided the District's response to the five significant appraisal findings identified in IE Inspection Report 80-16. Inspection Report 80-16 detailed the results of an inspection of the Fort Calhoun Station health physics program. Specifically, one item identified as a significant appraisal finding included the observation that the number of qualified health physics (HP) technicians employed by the District was insufficient and thus required extensive use of contract HP's. In response to this item, the District committed to increasing the HP staff by hiring additional C/RP technicians (i.e., two in 1981, two in 1982, and one in 1983). The District's letter dated January 14, 1982 provided a status update regarding our efforts in this area for 1981 and this letter provides an update for 1982.

The District has continued to aggressively pursue the employment of C/RP technicians as evidenced by the hiring of four qualified HP technicians in 1982. However, due to attrition and promotion, four qualified HP technicians were also lost during this same period. Thus, the District has had a net gain of one qualified HP technician to our C/RP group since the beginning of 1981.

The District wants to emphasize that the continuing difficulty of hiring and maintaining qualified HP's is believed to be due to the nationwide shortage of these specialized individuals. Because of this concern, the District decided to implement an in-house HP training program in 1982 which encompasses the hiring and training of individuals with limited or no previous HP experience. This program's goal is to add qualified HP's through in-house training and experience gained while

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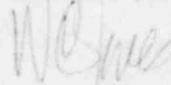
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working at the Fort Calhoun Station. The District presently has six C/RP trainees in this training program. The District believes this program will provide the necessary resources to significantly increase the on-shift staffing of District employed, qualified C/RP technicians and thus reduce our reliance on contract personnel for on-shift staffing during normal operations.

Please note that the District also presently has two approved C/RP technician openings which we hope to fill with qualified personnel during 1983.

Sincerely,



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