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Docket No. 50-298  
License No. DPR-46

Nebraska Public Power District  
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION (CNS) INITIAL AND REQUALIFICATION EXAMINATION  
REPORT 50-298/OL 91-02

During the weeks of November 18 and 25, 1991, NRC administered requalification examinations to 12 employees of your company who currently hold reactor operator and senior reactor operator licenses. The purpose of these examinations was to evaluate the effectiveness of the CNS requalification training program in maintaining the competency and currency of licensed operators as well as satisfying the requirement for renewal of licenses of the individuals examined. Two senior reactor operators failed the examination and one crew was evaluated as unsatisfactory. The CNS requalification training program was evaluated as satisfactory in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examiner Standards," Section 601.

Additionally, during the week of November 18, 1991, NRC administered retake examinations to two employees of your company who had applied for reactor operator and senior reactor operator licenses to operate your CNS facility. Both applicants passed the examination and have been issued the appropriate licenses.

Crew command, control, and communication continues to be an area of weakness at CNS and appears to have degraded since the last requalification examinations. This weakness reduced the crews' ability to respond to events and was a primary contributor to the failure of one crew. Command, control, and communication was also identified as a weakness during the initial license examinations administered in May 1991 and the requalification examinations administered in July 1989. We understand that your staff is currently conducting a self-assessment in this area.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By  
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