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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: 50-298/84-16

Nebraska Public Power District
ATTN: J. M. Pilant, Manager, Technical
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. R. Baer and B. Murray of this office during the period August 1-2, 1984, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License DPR-46 for Cooper Nuclear Station, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. P. Thomason and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included qualifications of the recently designated chemistry and health physics supervisor (radiation protection manager) and radiation protection preplanning activities associated with the installation of recirculation piping. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. These findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

No violations or deviations were identified. However, we have concerns regarding the commercial experience of the recently designated chemistry and health physics supervisor (radiation protection manager). Details regarding our concerns are discussed in paragraph 3 of the enclosed inspection report. You are requested to reply to these concerns in writing, within 30 days of the date of this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within 10 days of the date of this letter, and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within 30 days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1).

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The response requested by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
E. H. Johnson

E. H. Johnson, Chief
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Enclosure:

1. Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
50-298/84-16

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