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Nebraska Public Power District  
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-298/95-15 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. C. E. Johnson, and the inspectors identified in the enclosed report, of this office on October 23 through November 9, 1995, at the Cooper Nuclear Station facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that two violations of NRC requirements occurred. The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding them are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The first violation is of concern because ASME Code requirements were not being met, and there were no formal or procedural controls to prevent recurrence. The second violation is of concern because it indicated a continued reluctance to initiate the corrective action process.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

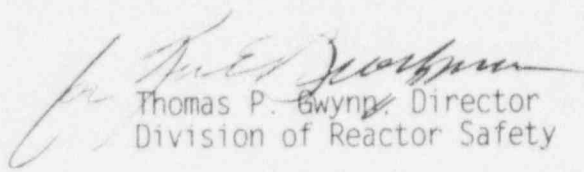
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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

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

Sincerely,

  
Thomas P. Gwynn, Director  
Division of Reactor Safety

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report  
50-298/95-15  
w/attachments

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