DMB 8/20/84

In Reply Refer To: Docket: 50-298/84-11

Nebraska Public Power District ATTN: J. M. Pilant, Manager, Technical Staff-Nuclear Power Group P. O. Box 499 Columbus, Nebraska 68601

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted under the Resident Inspection Program by Messrs. D. L. DuBois, E. H. Johnson, L. A. Yandell, and J. R. Boardman of this office during the period of May 1-June 30, 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 operational safety verifications, monthly surveillance and maintenance observations, licensee event followup, declaration of unusual event, preparation for refueling, observation of annual emergency preparedness exercise, followup of previously identified items, and BWR recirculation system pipe replacement. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to these violations in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

Two unresolved items are identified in paragraph 4 of the enclosed inspection report.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures 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 similar 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 directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice of Violation 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 Reactor Project Branch 1

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation

2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report 50-298/84-11

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