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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

Nebraska Public Power District  
ATTN: Guy R. Horn, Nuclear Power  
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-298/92-09 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. D. R. Hunter during the period June 22-26, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Cooper Nuclear Station facility. 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 and included training and qualification effectiveness for the initial licensed operator program.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The failure to provide an independent verification requirement associated with a surveillance procedure is of concern because it greatly increases the potential to not have a safety system in a proper lineup and, therefore, available for operation following completion of the surveillance activity.

We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

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. 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.

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

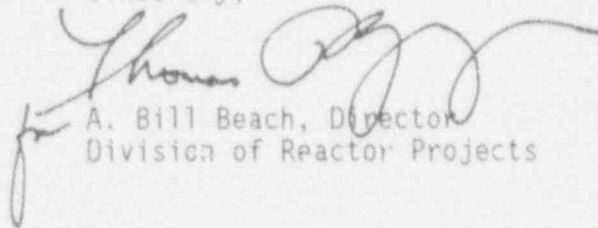
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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject of the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law No. 96.511.

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

Sincerely,

  
A. Bill Beach, Director  
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report  
50-298/92-09

cc w/enclosures:

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