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MEMORANDUM FOR: James E. Gagliardo, Director

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Region IV

FROM:

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of Operational Data

SUBJECT:

EVALUATION OF COOPER NUCLEAR STATION LERS FOR THE

PERIOD JULY 1, 1982 TO JUNE 30, 1983

The Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data has assessed the Licensee Event Reports (LERs) submitted under Docket No. 50-298 during the subject period. This has been done in support of the ongoing SALP review of the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), with regard to their performance as the licensee of the Cooper Nuclear Station. Our perspective would be indicative of that of a BWR system engineer who, although knowledgeable, is not intimately familiar with the detailed site - specific equipment arrangements and operations. Our review focused on the technical accuracy, completeness, and intelligibility of LERs. Our review covered all of the LERS submitted during the assessment period.

In general the submittals were uniformily excellent on the above points. The LERs typically contained very good descriptions of the events as well as excellent explanations of the consequence of the event on both the effected system performance level and the overall plant safety level. Furthermore, cause descriptions were typically very well documented, often providing both root cause information and symptomatic (or secondary) failure cause information. The corrective actions were generally considered to be appropriate and well described.

Finally, the licensee apparently did not report any of the component failures to NPRDS. We recognize that reporting to NPRDS is not a requirement. However, NPPD has committed to participation in NPRDS, and its failure to participate should be noted emphasizing that the success of NPRDS is dependent on its participation.

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