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In Reply Refer To:  
Docket: 50-298/84-15

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

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. D. L. DuBois and R. Wise and Ms. C. Abigail Evans of this office during the period July 1-August 31, 1984, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License DPR-46, for Cooper Nuclear Station, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. P. V. 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, plant trips - safety system challenges, refueling preparation, spent fuel shipping, and BWR recirculation system piping replacement. 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.

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.

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).

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.

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

Sincerely,

Digitally 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 50-298/84-15

cc w/enclosures:

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