

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Nebraska Public Power District
Cooper Nuclear Station

Docket: 50-298
License: DPR-46

During an NRC inspection conducted on February 26 through March 1, 1996, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," (60 FR 34381; June 30, 1995), the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification 6.3.2 (B) states, in part, that written procedures shall be established and implemented for actions to be taken to correct potential malfunctions of safety-related systems and components.

Administrative Procedure 0.5, "Condition Reporting," Section 8.3.4.3, states that an operability assessment is required for conditions that could possibly affect the operability of licensing basis structures, systems, or components.

Contrary to the above, the licensee failed to perform an operability assessment to determine whether 14 safety-related, motor-operated valves in engineered safety features systems were capable of performing their design functions. This failure occurred following the receipt in November 1994 of a contractor study that identified that the valves were susceptible to pressure-locking and thermal-binding conditions.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I) (298/9605-01)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Nebraska Public Power District is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because the response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if it is necessary to include such information, it should clearly indicate the specific information that should not be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support the request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Arlington, Texas
this day of 1996