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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: 50-298/85-10

Nebraska Public Power District
ATTN: J. M. Pilant, Manager, Technical
Staff-Nuclear Power Group
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. James A. F. Kelly of this office, and by Mr. Loren Bush and Mrs. Nancy Ervin of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement during the period March 11-15, 1985, 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 related to the effectiveness of the physical security program. 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.

Also during this inspection, a concern was raised regarding weaknesses in two vital barriers. You committed to an engineering analysis and corrective actions as necessary. In your response please describe the results of your evaluations and actions. Details of this issue are described in paragraph 11 of the report.

In addition to the need for corrective action regarding these specific open items identified in the body of the report, we are concerned about the management controls that permitted portions of the security program to be unsatisfactory. Consequently, in your reply, please describe those actions which you have taken to improve the effectiveness of your management controls.

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The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are 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
50-298/85-10

cc w/summary page only:
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