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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: Non-safety Related Reactor Water Cleanup Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping
Welds
Cooper Nuclear Station, NRC Docket 50-298, DPR-46

- References:
1. GL 88-01, Supplement 1 dated February 4, 1992, "NRC Position on Intergranular Stress Corrosion Cracking (IGSCC) in BWR Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping"
 2. Letter to USNRC Document Control Desk from J. H. Mueller (NPPD) dated March 29, 1996, "Inservice Inspection Summary Report"
 3. Letter to USNRC Document Control Desk from G. R. Horn (NPPD) dated February 27, 1996, "Generic Letter 89-10, NRC Notification of Completion"

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Nebraska Public Power District (District) has decided to remove the austenitic stainless steel piping welds associated with the non-safety related portions of the Reactor Water Cleanup System (RWCU) at Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS) from the Augmented Inservice Inspection Program required by Reference 1.

Reference 1 required licensees to inspect 10% of the welds on the subject piping each refueling outage until the actions associated with GL 89-10 on motor-operated valves (MOV's) were completed. The District performed the required augmented inspections during the recently completed Second Ten-Year Inservice Inspection (ISI) interval, Reference 2. In Reference 3 the District reported that the actions associated with GL 89-10 were completed.

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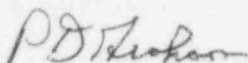
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Since the actions required by Supplement 1 to GL 88-01 have been completed, the District has decided to remove the subject welds from the Third Ten-Year Interval ISI Program. The next revision (to be submitted under a separate coverletter) of the CNS Third Ten-Year Interval ISI Program will reflect this change.

If you have any questions on the District's Augmented Inservice Inspection Program for austenitic stainless steel piping, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



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The following table identifies those actions committed to by the District in this document. Any other actions discussed in the submittal represent intended or planned actions by the District. They are described to the NRC for the NRC's information and are not regulatory commitments. Please notify the Licensing Manager at Cooper Nuclear Station of any questions regarding this document or any associated regulatory commitments.

COMMITMENT	COMMITTED DATE OR OUTAGE
The next revision of the CNS Third Ten-Year Interval ISI Program will reflect the deletion of the inspection requirements for austenitic stainless steel piping welds associated with the non safety-related portions of the RWCU system.	Not Specified in Letter. Commitment will be satisfied upon submittal of the next revision of the Third Ten-Year Interval ISI Program.