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MAY 16 1997

G. R. Horn, Senior Vice President  
of Energy Supply  
Nebraska Public Power District  
1414 15th Street  
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-298/97-03 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Horn:

An NRC inspection was conducted February 23 through April 5, 1997, at your Cooper Nuclear Station reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities at the Cooper Nuclear Station facilities was generally characterized as good. We noted however, that a violation of NRC requirements was identified. This violation involved a fire watch performed by remote television viewing of a hot work area. Inspectors identified that the fire watch could not view more than half of the area affected by grinding and welding sparks. Subsequently, your staff identified bags of combustibles nearby. Hot work resumed before the combustibles were removed.

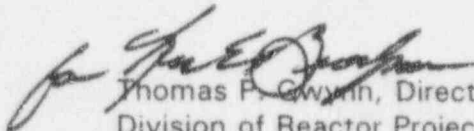
This violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding the violations is described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure(s), and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

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

Sincerely,

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Thomas P. Gwynn, Director  
Division of Reactor Projects

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report  
50-298/97-03

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