

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

611 RYAN PLAZA DEIVE, SUITE 400 ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-8064

July 2, 1997

 G. R. Horn, Senior Vice President of Energy Supply
 Nebraska Public Power District
 1414 15th Street
 Columbus, Nebraska 68601

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-298/97-01

Dear Mr. Horn:

An NRC inspection was conducted June 16-20,1997, at your Cooper Nuclear Station reactor facility. The inspection included an evaluation of one applicant for a senior reactor operator license and six applicants for reactor operator licenses. We determined that the seven applicants satisfied the requirements and the appropriate licenses were issued. However, the applicants' written examination performance was marginal. In contrast, we observed good performance in all aspects of the operating examination.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

Arthur T. Howell III, Director Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No.: 50-298 License No.: DPR-46

Enclosure:

NRC Inspection Report

50-298/97-01



cc w/enclosure (w/o Attachment 2): John R. McPhail, General Counsel Nebraska Public Power District P.O. Box 499 Columbus, Nebraska 68602-0499

P. D. Graham, Vice President of Nuclear Energy Nebraska Public Power District P.O. Box 98 Brownville, Nebraska 68321

B. L. Houston, Nuclear Licensing and Safety Manager Nebraska Public Power District P.O. Box 98 Brownville, Nebraska 68321

S. Jobe, Technical Training Supervisor Nebraska Public Power District P.O. Box 98 Brownville, Nebraska 68321

Dr. William D. Leech MidAmerican Energy 907 Walnut Street P.O. Box 657 Des Moines, Iowa 50303-0657

Mr. Ron Stoddard Lincoln Electric System 11th and O Streets Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Randolph Wood, Director Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality P.O. Box 98922 Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8922 Chairman
Nemaha County Board of Commissioners
Nemaha County Courthouse
1824 N Street
Auburn, Nebraska 68305

Cheryl Rogers, LLRW Program Manager Environmental Protection Section Nebraska Department of Health 301 Centennial Mall, South P.O. Box 95007 Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-5007

Dr. Mark B. Horton, M.S.P.H. Director Nebraska Department of Health P.O. Box 950070 Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-5007

R. A. Kucera, Department Director of Intergovernmental Cooperation Department of Natural Resources P.O. Box 176 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Kansas Radiation Control Program Director

bcc w/o Attachment 2:

E-Mail report to T. Boyce (THB)

E-Mail report to NRR Event Tracking System (IPAS)

E-Mail report to Document Control Desk (DOCDESK)

bcc to DCD (IEO1)

bcc distrib. by RIV:

Regional Administrator

DRP Director

Branch Chief (DRP/C)

Branch Chief (DRP/TSS)

Project Engineer (DRP/C)

Resident Inspector

DRS-PSB

MIS System

RIV File

bcc w/Attachment 2: Laura Hurley (DRS/OPS) Stuart Richards (NRR/HOLB)

DOCUMENT NAME: R:_CNS\CN701RP.TRM

To receive copy of document, indicate in box: "C" = Copy without enclosures "E" = Copy with enclosures "N" = No copy

RIV:RE:OB	E	RE:OB	C	RE:OB	C	C:OB	C	D:DRP	C	D:DRS
TRMeadows/Imb		MEMurphy		RELantz		JLPellet		TPGwynn		ATHowell III
06/27/97		06/27/9	7	06/27/97		06/27/97	7	07/02/97	Account passes	07/02/97

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

bcc w/o Attachment 2:

E-Mail report to T. Boyce (THB)

E-Mail report to NRR Event Tracking System (IPAS)

E-Mail report to Document Control Desk (DOCDESK)

bcc to DCD (AN)

bcc distrib. by RIV:

Regional Administrator DRP Director Branch Chief (DRP/C)

Branch Chief (DRP/TSS)

Project Engineer (DRP/C)

Resident Inspector

DRS-PSB MIS System

RIV File

bcc w/Attachment 2: Laura Hurley (DRS/OPS) Stuart Richards (NRR/HOLB)

THE

DOCUMENT NAME: R:\ CNS\CN701RP.TRM

To receive copy of document, indicate in box: "C" = Copy without enclosures "E" = Copy with enclosures "N" = No copy

RIV:RE:OB	E	RE:OB	C	RE:OB	C	C:OB	C	D:DRP	C	D:DRS
TRMeadows/lmb		MEMurphy		RELantz		JLPellet		TPGwynn		ATHowell III
06/27/97		06/27/97		06/27/97		06/27/97		07/02/97		07/02/97

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY