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Gentlemen:

Subject: Additional Clarification in Response
to Inspection Report 50-298/8725-02

This letter is written in response to your letter dated January 22, 1988 requesting additional clarification to our response to deficiency 298/8725-02 dated December 10, 1987. The following is clarification in response to this deficiency.

Deficiency 298/8725-02

Information pertaining to plant status was not conveyed from the Control Room (CR) to the Technical Support Center (TSC) in a timely manner.

Our response quoted NUREC-0696 and the need for face-to-face communications between the TSC and CR personnel. NRC Region IV acknowledges that the face-to-face method of communicating is beneficial, but it is not a substitute for the primary method of information exchange, direct telephone communications.

NRC Region IV believes that a review of the exchange of vital information between the CR and TSC staffs is in order. This review should identify kinds of information that need to be exchanged between ERFs, the organizational elements in charge of transmitting and receiving various types of information, and the means used to transmit and receive each type of information. Additionally, procedures should designate responsibilities and describe necessary actions and equipment.

Response

The Nebraska Public Power District has reviewed the area of communications between each of the Emergency Response Facilities. As part of this review, a block diagram of communication paths and personnel was developed.

This review revealed that the on-duty Shift Communicator in the Control Room becomes overburdened after the activation of the TSC.

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In order to correct this weakness, the District will relieve this position of the responsibility to relay information to the TSC. This will be accomplished by the addition of a position in the Emergency Response Organization assigned to the Control Room for communication duties. This position will be activated at the ALERT emergency classification level or higher classification, and the duties of the on-shift communicator will then be restricted to that of "ENS Communicator".

It is felt that the addition of a position trained in the specific duties dedicated solely to the transfer of plant status information to the TSC will greatly enhance the flow of data.

This change will require the selection and training of specific individuals and changes to procedures. As such, the District intends to implement this change by August 1, 1988.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact my office.

Sincerely,



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