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G. R. Horn, Senior Vice President
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-298/97-10 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Horn:

An NRC inspection was conducted November 2 through December 13, 1997, at your Cooper Nuclear Station reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection. Overall, facility activities were conducted in a safe and conservative manner.

One violation of regulatory requirements was identified. The violation involved the surveillance procedure for determining the standby gas treatment system operability margin. The procedure did not calculate the operability margin in a conservative manner.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding this violation are 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,

Elmo E. Collins, Chief
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1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-298/97-10

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