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September 22, 1997

SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION DESIGN INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Horn:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our plans to conduct a design inspection at the Cooper Nuclear Station. We have scheduled the 4 week on-site inspection during October 27 through November 7, November 17 through 21, and December 1 through 5, 1997. Your staff has indicated that there are no major conflicts with on-site activities during this period. The team leader and two team members of the inspection team will visit the site on September 29 and September 30, 1997, to collect documentation necessary for in-office review and on-site inspection. The in-office review will commence on October 6, 1997.

Recent NRC inspections at nuclear power reactor facilities have identified numerous findings where actual plant configurations or operations were inconsistent with the design bases, licensing bases, or the Updated Final Safety Analysis Reports for the facilities. Therefore, the NRC has decided to perform design inspections at nuclear power reactor facilities utilizing NRC Inspection Procedure 93801, "Safety System Functional Inspection." Two systems will be selected for inspection, and documents pertaining to these systems will be obtained during the September 29-30 visit.

Mr. S.K. Malur, Team Leader, NRR, will interface with you and your staff regarding all matters related to this inspection. The inspection will be performed by a team of five engineers from Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation (SWEC) who have been contracted by the NRC for this purpose. Mr. Robert Najuch of SWEC, who is part of the five person team, will be the lead contractor engineer.

We will be in contact with your staff regarding additional details for the inspection. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Malur at (301) 415-2963, or me at (301) 415-1336.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by
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