

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Nebraska Public Power District
Cooper Nuclear Station

Docket: 50-298
License: DPR-46

During an NRC inspection conducted on July 27-31, 1987, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. The violation involved failure to perform a required examination. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1987), the violation is listed below:

Section 50.55(a) of 10 CFR Part 50 requires that, throughout the service life of the plant, components which are classified as ASME Code Class 1 shall meet the requirements set forth in Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. Article IWA-4000 of Section XI requires that, following installation of a replacement component by welding, the required construction code nondestructive examination requirements shall be met in addition to those examinations required for preservice inspection.

Contrary to the above, two final welds were not liquid penetrant examined as required by the construction code following installation of an ASME Code Class 1 replacement component, Valve RWCU-M015 in accordance with Maintenance Work Request No. 86-4914. A liquid penetrant examination had been performed on the two welds and met the preservice inspection requirements; however, the acceptance criteria for preservice inspection is less stringent than the construction code.

This is a Severity Level V violation. (Supplement I) (298/8720-03)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Nebraska Public Power District is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to this Office within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice. This reply, should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation if admitted, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Arlington, Texas,
this 20th day of August 1987

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