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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Attention: Document Control Desk Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

Subject: NPPD Response to Inspection Report 50-298/89-07

This letter is written in response to your letter dated March 20, 1989, transmitting Inspection Report 50-298/89-07. Therein you indicated that certain of our activities were in violation of NRC requirements.

Following is a statement of the violation and our response in a fordance with 10 CFR 2.201.

### Statement of Violation

# Failure to Provide a Timely Response To a Notice of Violation

10 CFR 2.201 requires that the licensee respond, in writing, to a notice of violation within a specified time.

Appendix A, Notice of Violation, to NRC Inspection Report 50-298/88-31 required that the licensee respond, in writing, to Violation 298/8831-01 within 30 days of November 18, 1988.

Contrary to the above, the licensee did not respond, in writing, to Violation 298/8831-01 until February 10, 1989 (84 days after the issuance of the violation).

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (Supplement I) (298/8907-01)

#### Reason For The Violation

This violation was due to a personal error on the part of the Division Manager - Nuclear Support which resulted in the required response to be delayed well beyond the required thirty day period. He failed to give the appropriate priority to preparing the r disite letter describing the District's actions regarding the viol: on described in Inspection Report 88-31. He had set aside the draft of the subject response and permitted other duties to distract him from completing the assignment for the time period specified in this violation.

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## Corrective Steps Which Have Been Taken and the Results Achieved

The response to Inspection Report 88-31 was submitted on February 10, 1989. A review was conducted to ensure that other correspondence action required by the NRC at that time was not overdue.

## Corrective Steps Taken To Avoid Further Violation

The Division Manager was counseled on the importance of meeting the assigned response times related to NRC correspondence. The District believes that this is a isolated case and is not a programmatic generic issue or reflective of a significant breakdown in the District's tracking systems for corrective action.

### Date When Full Compliance Will be Achieved

The District is currently in full compliance.

Flease contact me if you have any questions regarding this response.

Sincerely,

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Division Manager Nuclear Support

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cc: Regional Administrator USNRC - Region IV

> NRC Resident Inspector Cooper Nuclear Station