In Reply Refer To: Docket: 50-298/89-07

Nebraska Public Power District ATTN: Mr. George A. Trevors Division Manager - Nuclear Support P.O. Box 499 Columbus, NE 68602-0499

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. W. R. Bennett and G. A. Pick of this office during the period February 6-28, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License DPR-46 for Cooper Nuclear Station, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. G. R. Horn and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included a followup of previously identified inspection findings, operational safety verification, and monthly surveillance and maintenance observations. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. The violation involved a failure to provide a timely response to a Notice of Violation. Consequently, you are required to respond to this violation, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

The NRC is concerned that your failure to provide a timely response to a recent violation concerning training in conjunction with four violations in the area of training that have been issued in the last 14 months indicates a lack of appropriate management involvement.

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*SRI WRBennett / /89

*C:DRP/C GLConstable / /89

*D:DRP LJCallan

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,
Original signed by
T. F. Westerman
L. J. Callan, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

 Appendix A - Notice of Violation
 Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report 50-298/89-07

cc w/enclosures:
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