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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-298/99-11

Dear Mr. Swailes:

This refers to the inspection conducted on October 4 to 29, 1999, at the Cooper Nuclear Station facility. This was a Safety System Design and Performance Capability Inspection, that was performed in accordance with Inspection Procedure 71111.21, under the pilot plant study for the risk informed baseline inspection program. The primary objective of this inspection was to assess the adequacy of calculations, analyses, and other engineering activities used to support operability and reliability of the service water and 125 Vdc systems in the performance of the safety functions required by their design bases. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

The inspection found that engineering activities supported the safe and reliable operation of the systems. No violations of NRC requirements were identified during the inspection.

One unresolved item was identified concerning the thrust ratings of motor-operated valves subject to elevated temperatures as a result of postulated high energy line breaks. This matter is discussed in Section 1R21.5b. of the enclosed inspection report.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

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

Sincerely,

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Dr. Dale A. Powers, Chief Engineering and Maintenance Branch Division of Reactor Safety

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