



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 400
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-8064

DEC 20 1999

J. H. Swailes, Vice President of
Nuclear Energy
Nebraska Public Power District
P.O. Box 98
Brownville, Nebraska 68321

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-298/99-14

Dear Mr. Swailes:

This refers to the inspection conducted on October 10 through November 20, 1999, at the Cooper Nuclear Station facility. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

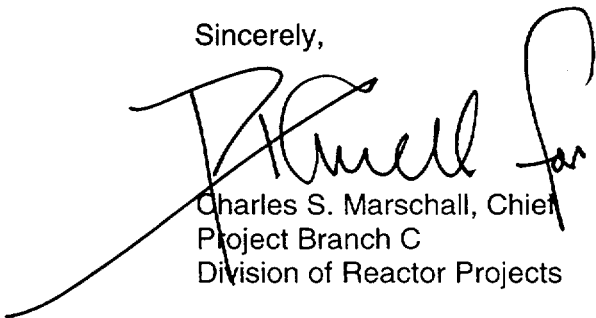
The inspectors examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspectors examined a selection of procedures and representative records, observed activities, and conducted interviews with personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that two violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are being treated as noncited violations (NCV), consistent with the Interim Enforcement Policy for pilot plants. These NCVs are described in the subject inspection report. If you contest these violations, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region IV; the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Cooper facility.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response, if requested, 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,


Charles S. Marschall, Chief
Project Branch C
Division of Reactor Projects

JED

PDR ADDIC 05000298

Docket No.: 50-298
License No.: DPR-46

Enclosure:
NRC Inspection Report No.
50-298/99-14

cc w/enclosure:
G. R. Horn, Senior Vice President
of Energy Supply
Nebraska Public Power District
1414 15th Street
Columbus, Nebraska 68601

John R. McPhail, General Counsel
Nebraska Public Power District
P.O. Box 499
Columbus, Nebraska 68602-0499

B. L. Houston, Nuclear Licensing
and Safety Manager
Nebraska Public Power District
P.O. Box 98
Brownville, Nebraska 68321

Dr. William D. Leech
Manager - Nuclear
MidAmerican Energy
907 Walnut Street
P.O. Box 657
Des Moines, Iowa 50303-0657

Ron Stoddard
Lincoln Electric System
1040 O Street
P.O. Box 80869
Lincoln, Nebraska 68501-0869

Michael J. Linder, Director
Nebraska Department of Environmental
Quality
P.O. Box 98922
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8922

Chairman
Nemaha County Board of Commissioners
Nemaha County Courthouse
1824 N Street
Auburn, Nebraska 68305

Cheryl K. Rogers, Program Manager
Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Division of Public Health Assurance
Consumer Services Section
301 Centennial Mall, South
P.O. Box 95007
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-5007

Ronald A. Kucera, Director
of Intergovernmental Cooperation
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Jerry Uhlmann, Director
State Emergency Management Agency
P.O. Box 116
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Vick L. Cooper, Chief
Radiation Control Program, RCP
Kansas Department of Health
and Environment
Bureau of Air and Radiation
Forbes Field Building 283
Topeka, Kansas 66620

- E-mail report to D. Lange (DJL)
- E-Mail report to J. D. Wilcox (JDW)
- E-Mail report to Frank Talbot (FXT)
- E-Mail report to NRR Event Tracking System (IPAS)
- E-Mail report to Document Control Desk (DOCDESK)
- E-Mail all documents to Jim Isom for Pilot Plant Program (JAI)
- E-Mail all documents to Sampath Malur for Pilot Plant Program (SKM)

bcc to DCD (IE01)

bcc distrib. by RIV:

Regional Administrator

DRP Director

DRS Director

Branch Chief (DRP/C)

Branch Chief (DRP/TSS)

Project Engineer (DRP/C)

Resident Inspector

RIV File

RITS Coordinator

DOCUMENT NAME: R:_CNS\CN914RP-JAC.wpd

To receive copy of document, indicate in box: "C" = Copy without enclosures "E" = Copy with enclosures "N" = No copy

RIV:RI:DRP/C		SRI:DRP/C		C:DRP/C				
MCHay KMS per phone		JAClark KMS per phone		CSMarscher				
12/20/99		12/20/99		12/20/99				

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

- E-mail report to D. Lange (DJL)
- E-Mail report to J. D. Wilcox (JDW)
- E-Mail report to Frank Talbot (FXT)
- E-Mail report to NRR Event Tracking System (IPAS)
- E-Mail report to Document Control Desk (DOCDESK)
- E-Mail all documents to Jim Isom for Pilot Plant Program (JAI)
- E-Mail all documents to Sampath Malur for Pilot Plant Program (SKM)

bcc to DCD (IE01)

bcc distrib. by RIV:

- Regional Administrator
- DRP Director
- DRS Director
- Branch Chief (DRP/C)
- Branch Chief (DRP/TSS)
- Project Engineer (DRP/C)
- Resident Inspector
- RIV File
- RITS Coordinator

DOCUMENT NAME: R:_CNS\CN914RP-JAC.wpd

To receive copy of document, indicate in box: "C" = Copy without enclosures "E" = Copy with enclosures "N" = No copy

RIV:RI:DRP/C		SRI:DRP/C		C:DRP/C				
MCHay KMS per phone		JAClark KME per phone		CSMarscher				
12/20/99		12/20/99		12/20/99				

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY