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- References:
1. Docket No. 50-285
 2. Letter from OPPD (S. K. Gambhir) to NRC (Document Control Desk) dated January 31, 2001 (LIC-01-0009)
 3. Letter from OPPD (W. G. Gates) to NRC (Document Control Desk) dated April 14, 2000 (LIC-00-0025)
 4. Letter from NRC (L. R. Wharton) to OPPD (S. K. Gambhir) dated April 4, 2001
 5. Letter from OPPD (W. G. Gates) to NRC (Document Control Desk) dated February 7, 2001 (LIC-01-0010)
 6. NRC Generic Letter 99-02, "Laboratory Testing of Nuclear-Grade Activated Charcoal," dated June 3, 1999

SUBJECT: Update on the Review of Safety Analysis for Operability (SAO 99-01)

The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC of Omaha Public Power District's (OPPD) intent to not update SAO 99-01, contrary to a statement made previously in Reference 2.

In response to Generic Letter 99-02, OPPD made several submittals supporting analyses, including a license amendment request (Reference 3), which was subsequently approved by the NRC in Reference 4. Reference 2 describes the significance and actions taken as a result of increasing the total post Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) leakage from 1500 cc/hour to 2000 cc/hour. Reference 2 stated that the FCS SAO 99-01 was being updated. During the process of performing the SAO update, it was concluded that an update was not necessary because the revised leakage value of 2000 cc/hour did not affect the SAO's conclusions, and the actions for the SAO continue to be appropriate and bounding for the current plant conditions. SAO 99-01 will remain in affect until NRC approval of the Reference 5 license amendment request, although it will not be updated.

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If you have any questions, Please contact me at (402) 533-6647.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. K. Gambhir', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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c: E. W. Merschoff, NRC Regional Administrator, Region IV
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