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Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 1:19 PM
To: 'McCutchen, Edward L.'
Cc: Burkhardt, Janet; Lent, Susan
Subject: Acceptance of Cooper Relief Request (ME7875)

Ed,

By letter dated January 16, 2012 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML12023A005), Nebraska Public Power District submitted a request for relief from certain inservice inspection (ISI) code requirements for Cooper Nuclear Station pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a. This request is applicable to the fourth ten-year inservice inspection (ISI) interval, which began March 1, 2006, and requests relief from certain ISI code requirements for Inspection of Residual Heat Removal Shell Circumferential and Nozzle to Head Welds at Cooper Nuclear Station.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this relief request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed exemption in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1377.

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