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Subject: Acceptance of Cooper LAR to Adopt NFPA-805 (ME8551)
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By letter dated April 25, 2012 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML121220216), as supplemented by a letter dated July 12, 2012, (ADAMS Accession No. ML12202A042) Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD, the licensee) submitted a license amendment [request](#) for Cooper Nuclear Station (Cooper). The proposed amendment request would adopt National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard NFPA-805, a performance-based standard for fire protection for light water reactor electric generating plants, as part of its transition to compliance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 50.48(c).

The purpose of this message is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this amendment 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.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application, as supplemented, and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment 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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¹ As of the date of issuance of this acceptance review, the supplemental letter dated December 22, 2011, had not yet been added to ADAMS.