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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
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Fort Calhoun Station, Unit No. 1
Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-40
NRC Docket No. 50-285

References:

1. NRC Generic Letter 2016-01, "Monitoring of Neutron-Absorbing Materials in Spent Fuel Pools," dated April 7, 2016 (NRC-16-0033)(ML16097A169)
2. Letter from USNRC (S. Bloom) to OPPD (T. Patterson) Fort Calhoun Station. Unit No. 1 - Amendment No. 155 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-40 (TAC No. M85116), dated August 12, 1993 (NRC-93-0292)
3. Letter from OPPD (W. Gates) to USNRC (DCD), "Application for Amendment to Operating License," dated May 20, 1996 (LIC-96-0070)
4. Letter from USNRC (L. Wharton) to OPPD (S. Gambhir), Fort Calhoun Station Unit No. 1 - Amendment No. 182 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-40 (TAC No. M95551), dated November 24, 1997 (NRC-97-0220)

Subject: Response to Generic Letter 2016-01, "Monitoring of Neutron Absorbing Materials in Spent Fuel Pools", Response to NRC Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f).

On April 7, 2016, the NRC issued Reference 1 to all power reactor licensees except those that have permanently ceased operation with all power reactor fuel removed from on-site spent fuel pool storage.

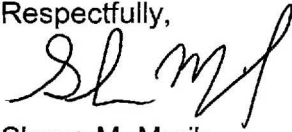
The purpose of this letter is to provide a response for Omaha Public Power District's (OPPDs) Fort Calhoun Station (FCS), Unit 1. FCS has been determined to be a Category 3 licensee in accordance with reference 1. As a Category 3 licensee, FCS received an approval from the NRC for a license amendment request in reference 2 that includes a Technical Specification (TS) change for the neutron absorber monitoring program. The Amendment request that proposed the monitoring program included an error in the associated TS surveillance page. A part of the surveillance from the previous neutron absorber monitoring program was accidentally carried forward to the new spent fuel pool racks. This error was submitted for correction in reference 3 and approved in reference 4.

FCS affirms that no changes have been made to the neutron absorbing material monitoring program as described in the reference 2 license amendment safety evaluation report.

This letter contains no regulatory commitments. If you should have further questions, please contact Mr. Bradley H. Blome, Manager – Site Regulatory Assurance, at 402-533-7270.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on November 2, 2016.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sh M', is written over the word 'Respectfully,'.

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