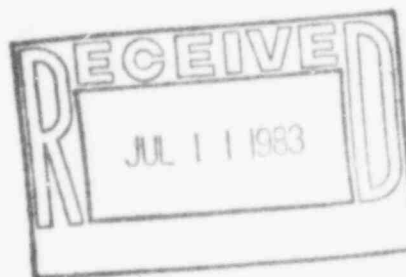


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Mr. W. C. Seidle, Chief
Reactor Project Branch 2
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76011

Reference: Docket No. 50-285

Dear Mr. Seidle:

Plant Chemist Qualifications Notice of Deviation
dated April 13, 1983

In response to Omaha Public Power District's letter dated May 13, 1983, concerning the subject violation, your letter dated June 6, 1983, expressed concerns regarding District policies governing selection of qualified individuals to fill vacant positions. The Commission's primary concerns centered around an apparent disregard by the District of industry standards involving selection of key District personnel, specially the Fort Calhoun Station plant chemist.

When the current Plant Chemist was placed in the Plant Chemist position, it was felt, by the District, that the individual filling that position was qualified pursuant to ANSI 18.1-1971. The District also felt justification for this appointment was strengthened by the qualifications of the Supervisor-Chemistry and Radiation Protection, who would be providing additional guidance and informal training to the Plant Chemist. This interpretation of ANSI 18.1-1971 was delineated in the District's May 13, 1983, response to the subject Deviation. The District has since considered the Commission's opinion on how ANSI 18.1-1971 should be applied. In an effort to assure the Commission that the District does make every attempt to determine the intent and adhere to the recommendations of all applicable industry standards, the District has prepared the following response to the Commission's request for additional information concerning the subject Deviation.

- (1) Corrective steps which have been taken and results achieved.

To ensure full compliance with the Commission's view of ANSI 18.1-1971, the Plant Chemist's present qualifications have been reviewed by all levels of Division management and found to be satisfactory.

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- (2) Corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further deviations.

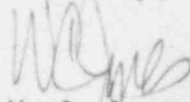
Although not specifically required by industry standards, the District intends to establish a written procedure in the form of a plant standing order which will govern the selection process of personnel appointed by positions for which compliance with ANSI 18.1-1971 is required by Fort Calhoun Station Technical Specification 5.3. This selection process will involve all levels of Production Operations Division management. Acceptance criteria will be delineated in the respective position description, ANSI 18.1-1971 and/or Fort Calhoun Station Technical Specification 5.3.

This procedure will be implemented by August 15, 1983. The effected position descriptions will also be rewritten by that date.

- (c) Date when full compliance will be achieved.

The District is presently in full compliance with ANSI 18.1-1971.

Sincerely,



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