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SUBJECT: Severe Accident Management

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) intends to implement the formal industry position on severe accident management at Fort Calhoun Station. This position was approved by the Nuclear Energy Institute's Nuclear Strategic Issues Advisory Committee on November 4, 1994. As previously communicated in a letter dated November 21, 1994, from NEI to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, the formal position states:

Each licensee will:

Assess current capabilities to respond to severe accident conditions using Section 5 of NEI 91-04, Revision 1, "Severe Accident Issue Closure Guidelines."

Implement appropriate improvements identified in the assessment, within the constraints of existing personnel and hardware, on a schedule to be determined by each licensee and communicated to the NRC, but in any event no later than December 31, 1998.

Based on previous interactions between NEI (NUMARC) and NRC staff, we understand that the NRC staff agrees with the need for licensee flexibility in methods of assessing and establishing severe accident management guidance. Utilizing the associated implementing guidance (contained in NEI Report 91-04, Revision 1), OPPD intends to complete the assessment of severe accident management capabilities and make any identified enhancements by July 1, 1997. This date is contingent on our review of the final owners group and INPO products.

OPPD has participated in development of the ABB/CE Owners Group Accident Management Guidelines. OPPD also plans to use insights from the Fort Calhoun Station IPE and IPEEE, including detailed Level 2 and Level 3 analyses, as part of the plant-specific enhancement process.

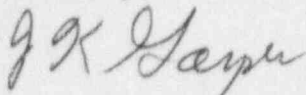
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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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