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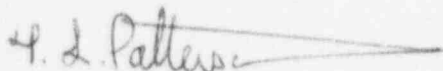
References: 1. Docket No. 50-285
2. Letter from NRC (T. P. Gwynn) to OPPD (T. L. Patterson)
dated January 16, 1996

SUBJECT: Response to Weaknesses Identified During 1995 Operational Status
of the Emergency Preparedness Program Inspection, NRC Inspection
Report 95-15

Reference 2 transmitted one exercise weakness resulting from an inspection of the
Operational Status of the Emergency Preparedness Program conducted the week of
December 18, 1995 at the Fort Calhoun Station. Attached is the Omaha Public
Power District (OPPD) response to the weakness.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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REPLY TO WEAKNESS FROM NRC INSPECTION REPORT 95-23

WEAKNESS

The inspectors determined that during walkthroughs, one crew failed to make the emergency notification of an alert declaration to State/County agencies within 15 minutes of the declaration, as required by procedures. This was identified as an exercise weakness (285/9523-01).

OPPD Response

During the simulator walkthrough sessions for Inspection 95-23, one of the shift crews failed to perform State/County notifications within the required 15 minutes. The details of this event are as follows:

After the initiating event, one Reactor Coolant Pump experienced a locked rotor and the reactor failed to automatically trip. The Shift Supervisor declared an "Alert" at time 0131, based on Emergency Action Level (EAL) 1.6, "Failure to complete an automatic or Manual Reactor Trip." Immediately after the declaration, conditions indicated an upgrade to a "Site Area Emergency" was necessary. Consequently, at time 0134, the Shift Supervisor declared a "Site Area Emergency" based on EAL 1.16, "Failure/Challenge to two Fission Product Barriers." Since he had not initiated the documentation for the "Alert", the Shift Supervisor elected to start the 15 minute clock at the declaration of the "Site Area Emergency", and no notifications were made for the "Alert". At time 0149, notifications to the States and Counties for the "Site Area Emergency" were made. The "Site Area Emergency" notification was completed 3 minutes past the 15 minute time allowance for the "Alert" notification. In accordance with Emergency Plan Implementing Procedure-OSC-2, "Command and Control Position Actions/ Notifications", the State/County notifications should have been completed for the "Alert" classification within the 15 minute time allowance.

Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) has evaluated the identified exercise weakness. As a result, OPPD has taken or will take the following corrective actions:

1. OPPD completed a review of regulatory and procedural requirements to determine what restrictions and/or guidance exists concerning actions to be taken when multiple classifications occur within a 15 minute required reporting period. This review was completed on February 21, 1995. OPPD determined that the Shift Supervisor should have completed the State/County notifications within 15 minutes of the initial "Alert" declaration. OPPD also determined that a revision to the Emergency Plan Implementing Procedures (EPIP) is necessary. This revision will be

completed as part of a larger revision to EPIP-OSC-2. This revision is scheduled to be completed on August 1, 1996.

2. The Shift Supervisor that failed to make the notifications within the 15 minute time limit has been counseled. This was completed to ensure that he understood the importance of completing notifications once an emergency classification is made. This was completed on February 21, 1996.
3. OPPD will develop appropriate training to ensure that all command and control positions fully understand what actions shall be taken during emergency classification escalation or downgrades over a short period of time. This training will be developed and incorporated into the appropriate lesson plans by August 1, 1996.