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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Generic Letter 88-20, Individual Plant Examination for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities - 10CFR50.54(f), Request for Extension
Cooper Nuclear Station
Docket No. 50-298, DPR-46

- References:
- 1) Individual Plant Examination for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities - 10CFR50.54(f), Generic Letter 88-20, dated November 23, 1988
 - 2) Letter from L. G. Kuncel (NPPD) to U.S. NRC Document Control Desk dated October 31, 1989; Subject: Response to Generic Letter 88-20
 - 3) Letter from G. R. Horn (NPPD) to U.S. NRC Document Control Desk, dated June 27, 1991; Subject: Request for Extension, Individual Plant Examination for CNS
 - 4) Letter from G. R. Horn (NPPD) to U.S. NRC Document Control Desk, dated January 31, 1992; Subject: Progress Update

Gentlemen:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requested in Reference 1, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f), that licensees perform an Individual Plant Examination (IPE) to identify any plant-specific vulnerabilities to severe accidents and submit the results to the NRC. In response to Reference 1, and subsequent associated supplements, the Nebraska Public Power District (District) committed (References 2 and 3) to perform an IPE for the Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS) by August of 1992 (NRC specified completion date). In Reference 4, the District provided an update of its progress towards the completion of the IPE for CNS. The District also stated, in Reference 4, that there were many factors, some yet to be determined, that could impact the IPE schedule, and that the District would request a schedule extension, if necessary.

Subsequent to this correspondence, the District has encountered factors which have impacted the schedular completion of the IPE. Based on these factors, the District will not be able to meet the August 1992 completion date and hereby requests an extension to March 1993 for the completion of the IPE.

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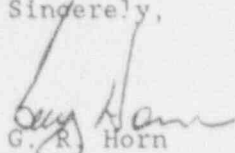
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The District has made considerable progress towards the completion of the IPE for CNS. Several of these milestones include the completion of the Level I Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA), preliminary quantification of Level II, and completion of the CNS containment performance analysis. The District is currently working on the accident progression and final quantification portions of the Level II PRA.

As stated in previous correspondence, the District is committed to maintaining a high level of District engineering and operations involvement, an effective and beneficial internal review process, documentation integrity, and eventually utilizing the Level I PRA as a living document. The District believes that the requested IPE completion date of March 1993 would provide for the accomplishment of the above stated goals.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact this office.

Sincerely,


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