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In Reply Refer To:
Docket 50-298/85-15

Nebraska Public Power District
ATTN: J. M. Pilant, Manager, Technical
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. D. DuBois and J. Boardman of this office during the period April 1-30, 1985, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License DPR-46 for Cooper Nuclear Station, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. P. Thomason and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included operational safety verification, monthly surveillance and maintenance observations, and licensee action on previous inspection findings.

Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to these violations, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

The NRC Performance Appraisal Team (PAT) identified in NRC Report 50-298/84-21 numerous licensee failures to have procedures for the performance of activities affecting quality. A significant concern is identified in this report relating to the lack of programmatic procedures for the control of vendor technical information, including information directly associated with reactor trip systems. In your response to the violations, specific detail of your corrective actions for this area should be included.

We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previous inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

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The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
E. H. Johnson

E. H. Johnson, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-298/85-15

cc w/enclosures:

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