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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-298/96-19 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Horn:

On September 7, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your Cooper Nuclear Station facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities at the Cooper Nuclear Facilities was generally sound. We are concerned, however, about two violations of NRC requirements involving four instances where safety-related equipment was placed in a condition which was not properly evaluated and, consequently, not fully understood. The first violation involved two examples of improper installation of monitoring devices, one on the high pressure coolant injection system stop valve, the other on an emergency diesel generator, while they were in an operable status. The second violation involved the use of jumpers during maintenance without a proper evaluation and the installation of an unqualified relay and housing without a thorough understanding of the effect on operability.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure(s), and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

J. E. Dyer, Director  
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket No.: 50-298  
License No.: DPR-46

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report  
50-298/96-19

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