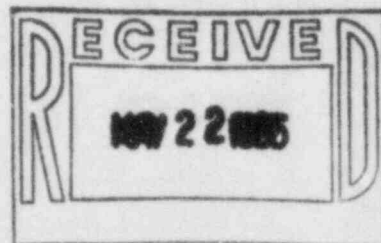


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Region IV
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Subject: Nebraska Public Power District Response to IE Inspection Report
50-298/85-08

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is written in response to your letter dated April 17, 1985, transmitting Inspection Report 50-298/85-08. Therein you indicated that one of our activities was in violation of Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements.

The following is the statement of the violation and our response in accordance with 10CFR2.201:

Statement of Violation

Inadequate Procedure

10CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, requires that activities affecting quality be prescribed by documented procedures. The licensee's Quality Assurance Program for Operations - Policy Document, Section 2.5, amplified the above requirement to include activities which have nuclear safety significance.

Contrary to the above, Licensee Procedure 0.9, "Equipment Clearance and Release Orders", Section II.A.3, required independent verification only of manual valves located in the main flow path of safety-related equipment and did not address switches, breakers, and other components being returned to service.

This is a Severity Level V Violation (Supplement 1E) (298/8508-01).

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Corrective Steps Which Have Been Taken And The Results Achieved

Written instruction has been provided to all control room personnel stating the independent verification required when returning safety related equipment to service. It was communicated in this instruction that independent verification is required for valves and all other components in the main flow path of safety-related equipment to ensure that CNS Procedure 0.9, "Equipment Clearance and Release Orders", has been followed correctly and that related components are returned to service properly. Although independent verification on all equipment important to safety had previously been performed when the equipment was returned to service, this instruction and a subsequent revision to CNS Procedure 0.9 will provide procedural controls to ensure that independent verification is initiated when required.

Corrective Steps Which Will Be Taken To Avoid Further Violations

A revision to CNS Procedure 0.9, "Equipment Clearance and Release Orders", has been initiated which indicates that not only manual valves located in the main flow path of safety related equipment require independent verification, but all components (e.g., breakers, switches) associated with components located in the main flow path of safety related equipment require independent verification when being returned to service.

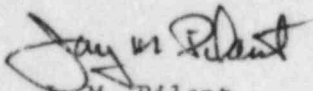
It is believed this revision provides adequate procedural controls to ensure that independent verification of necessary components is performed when returning these components to service.

Date When Full Compliance Will Be Achieved

Full compliance will be achieved by June 30, 1985.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact me or P. V. Thomason at the site.

Sincerely,



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