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EA 96-451

Guy R. Horn, Vice President - Nuclear  
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-298/96-23 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Horn:

On October 19, 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, your conduct of activities at the Cooper Nuclear Facility was generally sound. A violation of NRC requirements was identified involving inaccurate monitoring of equipment unavailability. This violation is of concern because it showed operator inattention to the actual unavailability of plant systems, resulted in inaccurate Maintenance Rule unavailability calculations, and was similar to unavailability problems found in the Maintenance Rule baseline inspection.

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 (PDR).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. E. Dyer", is positioned above the typed name.

J. E. Dyer, Director  
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket: 50-298  
License: DPR-46

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report  
50-298/96-23

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