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J. H. Swailes, Vice President of Nuclear Energy Nebraska Public Power District P.O. Box 98 Brownville, Nebraska 68321

SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT FOLLOW-UP - COOPER NUCLEAR STATION

Dear Mr. Swailes:

We have identified significant inspection findings in the emergency preparedness area. Therefore, we plan to conduct an additional (supplemental) inspection to better understand the causes contributing to your decline in performance.

This letter is to inform you that we will be planning a supplemental inspection at your facility during the month of April 2001 to review the white finding identified in NRC Inspection Report 50-298/2000-16. We will review the results of your internal evaluation of the issue and the effectiveness of corrective actions taken to prevent recurrence.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Please contact me at 817-860-8215 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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