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Subject: Public Comments On The Pilot Program For The New Regulatory Oversight Program

Dear Mr. Meyer:

As Chief Nuclear Officer for Nebraska Public Power District's Cooper Nuclear Station, I am in general agreement with and endorse the comments provided to you by the Nuclear Energy Institute, on behalf of the Pilot Plants. Representatives of Cooper Nuclear Station were directly involved with the development of portions of the document. Although as a Pilot Plant, Cooper may not have encountered issues prompting specific comment as may be contained within the report, I believe that the compilation of feedback and suggestions are logically representative of the issues which should be considered for the next phase of new process implementation. I offer no additional comments unique to the experiences of Cooper as a Pilot Plant.

On behalf of Nebraska Public Power District, I extend my sincere appreciation for having benefited from the experience of being a Pilot Plant. We have had first hand opportunity to witness the transition to more properly focused, objective, understandable, oversight criteria. With attention given to address the issues contained in the NEI document, I believe that the industry is prepared to proceed with the next phase of process implementation. We at Cooper Nuclear Station remain committed to contribute to the continued refinement of the new Regulatory Oversight Process.

Sincerely,

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