



**Nebraska Public Power District**  
*Nebraska's Energy Leader*

NLS2000004  
January 20, 2000

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Gentlemen:

**Subject:** Closure of Notice of Enforcement Discretion and Withdrawal of Request for Exigent Approval of Proposed License Amendment  
Cooper Nuclear Station, NRC Docket 50-298, DPR-46

- References:**
1. NPPD Letter NLS990126 from John H. Swailes (NPPD) to USNRC, dated January 1, 2000, "Request for Enforcement Discretion and Supplement to Proposed License Amendment Request."
  2. NPPD Letter NLS990050 from John H. Swailes (NPPD) to USNRC, dated June 15, 1999, "Service Water Backup to the Reactor Equipment Cooling Post LOCA."
  3. Letter, USNRC to J. H. Swailes (NPPD) dated January 4, 2000, "Notice of Enforcement Discretion for Nebraska Public Power District Regarding Cooper Nuclear Station (TAC NO. MA7784, NOED NO. 99-6-010)."

On December 30, 1999, at approximately 1930 (times listed are CST), Nebraska Public Power District (District) requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) exercise discretion not to enforce compliance with the Required Action Completion Time requirements of Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS) Technical Specification (TS) Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.7.3 due to leakage in the Reactor Equipment Cooling (REC) system. The NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation verbally issued the requested Notice of Enforcement Discretion (NOED) at approximately 2130, December 30, 1999. Reference 1 provided the District's written request for enforcement discretion, request for exigent approval of a previously submitted proposed license amendment (Reference 2), and supplemental information requested by the NRC to support NRC review of Reference 2. Reference 3 provided the NRC's written authorization of the NOED.

At approximately 0958, January 7, 2000, the CNS Shift Supervisor directed that a controlled reactor shutdown be conducted in response to increasing leakage being observed from the REC system. On January 8, 2000, at approximately 0200, CNS personnel entered the Drywell to

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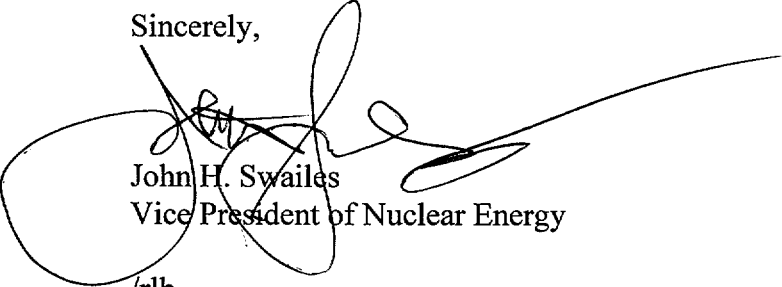
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investigate the source of the REC leakage. The REC leak was not immediately identified. The controlled shutdown continued and the reactor was manually scrammed at approximately 1152, January 8, 2000. The NOED was no longer required upon entry into Mode 3. Following reactor shutdown, CNS personnel found an REC leak in the "C" Drywell Fan Coil Unit. The REC supply to the "C" Fan Coil Unit was isolated, leaving three Drywell Fan Coil Units in service.

The District is currently in compliance with CNS TS LCO 3.7.3 and the NOED granted in Reference 3 is no longer required. Additionally, the District withdraws its request for exigent NRC approval of the proposed license amendment submitted under Reference 2. The District is currently working to resolve outstanding questions and issues associated with the proposed license amendment. Resolution of these questions and issues will allow the NRC to continue its review of the proposed license amendment.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this submittal, please contact Sharon Mahler at (402) 825-5236.

Sincerely,



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ATTACHMENT 3 LIST OF NRC COMMITMENTS

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The following table identifies those actions committed to by the District in this document. Any other actions discussed in the submittal represent intended or planned actions by the District. They are described to the NRC for the NRC's information and are not regulatory commitments. Please notify the NL&S Manager at Cooper Nuclear Station of any questions regarding this document or any associated regulatory commitments.

COMMITMENT	COMMITTED DATE OR OUTAGE
None	