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SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION – NRC SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION
REPORT 05000298/2011202

Dear Mr. O'Grady:

On November 18, 2011, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at your Cooper Nuclear Station. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results which were discussed on December 1, 2011, with Mr. Art Zaremba, Director of Nuclear Safety Assurance, Cooper Nuclear Station, and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

One NRC-identified finding of very low security significance (i.e., Green, as determined by the Physical Protection Significance Determination Process), was identified during this inspection. The deficiency was promptly corrected or compensated for, and the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements within the scope of this inspection before NRC inspectors left the area.

This finding was determined to involve a violation of NRC requirements. However, the NRC is treating the violation as a non-cited violation (NCV) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the Enforcement Policy.

If you contest any NCV in the enclosed report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region IV; the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Robert C. Johnson, Branch Chief
Security Performance Evaluation Branch
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Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

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