

October 11, 2001

Mr. Mano Nazar  
Site Vice-President  
Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant  
Nuclear Management Company, LLC  
1717 Wakonade Drive East  
Welch, MN 55089

SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Nazar:

In a telephone conversation on October 10, 2001, Mr. Stephen Seilhymer, Operations Continuing Training Supervisor, and Mr. Dell McNeil, Reactor Inspector, made arrangements for the NRC to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Station. The inspection is planned for the week of December 3, 2001, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish the written examinations and operating tests scheduled for the week of the inspection to the NRC by November 26, 2001. Mr. Seilhymer has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact Dell McNeil at 630-829-9737, or me at 630-829-9733.

Sincerely,

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David E. Hills, Chief  
Operations Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306  
License Nos. DPR-42; DPR-60

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