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EA-03-104

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(OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 3-2002-022)

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Please feel free to contact James R. Creed, Security Team Leader, with any questions. Mr. Creed can be reached at telephone number (630) 829-9500.

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Sincerely,

/RA by Roy Caniano Acting For/

Cynthia D. Pederson, Director
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Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306
License Nos. DPR-42; DPR-60

Enclosure: Synopsis of OI Report

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on September 3, 2002, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region III (RIII) to determine if a contract electrician deliberately falsified his access authorization application at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant.

Based upon the evidence developed during this investigation, it was substantiated that a contract electrician deliberately falsified his access authorization application.