

April 23, 2015

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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF EXEMPTION FROM PORTIONS OF TITLE 10 OF THE *CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS* PART 73.51(d)(3) FOR THE PRAIRIE ISLAND INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION (TAC NO. L24750)

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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff (staff) reviewed the exemption request for the Prairie Island (PI) Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). Based upon the enclosed staff evaluation, the staff determined the exemption you requested should be granted with respect to the PI ISFSI. Please note that the enclosed staff evaluation is marked Official Use Only – Security Related Information, should be controlled as such, and should not be further disseminated without NRC authorization.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-9956, or Dr. Pamela Longmire of my staff, at (301) 415-7564.

Sincerely,

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