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June 1, 2016

Mr. Scott Northard  
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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2  
NRC SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION REPORT 05000282/2016403;  
05000306/2016403

Dear Mr. Northard:

On May 13, 2016, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security inspection at your Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2. The NRC inspector discussed the results of this inspection with you and other members of your staff. The inspector documented the results of this inspection in the enclosed inspection report.

No NRC-identified or self-revealing findings were identified during this inspection.

However, the inspector documented one licensee-identified finding of very-low significance, (Green), identified during this inspection. The finding was determined to involve a violation of NRC requirements. The NRC is treating this violation as a Non-Cited Violation consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the Enforcement Policy.

If you contest the subject or severity of the Non-Cited-Violation, 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 III; the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Station.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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Steven K. Orth, Chief  
Plant Support Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306  
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