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March 2, 2018

Mr. Scott Sharp
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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR
GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (REPORT 05000282/2017006;
05000306/2017006)

Dear Mr. Sharp:

The NRC has completed its end-of-cycle performance assessment of Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, reviewing performance indicators (PIs), inspection results, and enforcement actions from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. This letter informs you of the NRC's assessment of your facility during this period and its plans for future inspections at your facility. The NRC concluded that overall performance at your facility preserved public health and safety.

The NRC determined the performance at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2 during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column, the highest performance category of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix, because all inspection findings had very low safety significance (i.e., Green), and all PIs were within the expected range (i.e., Green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through December 31, 2019. This updated inspection plan now includes planned security inspections which were formerly transmitted under separate correspondence. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the last twelve months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes.

During the week of April 23, 2018, the NRC plans to perform Temporary Instruction (TI) 2690/011, Review of Aging Management Programs at Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations." This TI will be conducted by a team consisting of staff from both Region III and the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

This letter and its enclosure will be made available for public inspection and copying at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> and at the NRC Public Document Room in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, "Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding."

Please contact Kenneth Riemer at 630-829-9628 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Kenneth Riemer, Chief
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Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306; 72-010
License Nos. DPR-42; DPR-60; SNM-2506

Enclosure:
Inspection Plan

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IP 22 Inspection Activity Plan Report

Prairie Island

03/01/2018 - 12/31/2019

Unit	Start	End	Activity	CAC	Title	Staff Count
SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION						1
1, 2	04/16/2018	04/20/2018	IP 71130.01	000733	Access Authorization	
ISFSI Cask Loading Inspection						2
1, 2	04/23/2018	04/27/2018	IP 60855.1	000590	Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at Operating Plants	
DBA TEAM INSPECTION						6
1, 2	05/07/2018	05/25/2018	IP 71111.21M	000713	Design Bases Assurance Inspection (Teams)	
EP EXERCISE/PI VERIFICATION						2
1	05/21/2018	07/20/2018	IP 71114.08	000723	Exercise Evaluation □ Scenario Review	
1	07/16/2018	07/20/2018	IP 71114.01	000716	Exercise Evaluation	
1	07/16/2018	07/20/2018	IP 71151	001397	Performance Indicator Verification	
SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION						1
1, 2	06/25/2018	06/29/2018	IP 71130.02	000734	Access Control	
1, 2	06/25/2018	06/29/2018	IP 71151	001338	Performance Indicator Verification	
BIENNIAL PI&R INSPECTION						3
1	06/25/2018	07/13/2018	IP 71152B	000747	Problem Identification and Resolution	
INITIAL LICENSE EXAM SEP 2018						3
1, 2	08/12/2018	08/17/2018	OV	000956	VALIDATION OF INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION (OV)	
1, 2	09/09/2018	09/21/2018	EXAD	000500	LICENSE EXAM ADMINISTRATION (EXAD)	
RADIATION PROTECTION BASELINE INSPECTION						2
1, 2	08/27/2018	08/31/2018	IP 71124.06	000730	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
1, 2	08/27/2018	08/31/2018	IP 71124.07	000731	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
1, 2	08/27/2018	08/31/2018	IP 71151	000746	Performance Indicator Verification	
SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION						1
1, 2	08/27/2018	08/31/2018	IP 71130.05	000737	Protective Strategy Evaluation	
INSERVICE INSPECTION ON UNIT 1						1
1	09/21/2018	10/26/2018	IP 71111.08P	000702	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	

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RADIATION PROTECTION BASELINE INSPECTION						2
1, 2	10/01/2018	10/05/2018	IP 71124.01	000725	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2	10/01/2018	10/05/2018	IP 71124.02	000726	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1, 2	10/01/2018	10/05/2018	IP 71124.03	000727	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1, 2	10/01/2018	10/05/2018	IP 71124.04	000728	Occupational Dose Assessment	
SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION						2
1, 2	10/15/2018	10/19/2018	IP 71130.04	000736	Equipment Performance, Testing, and Maintenance	
RADIATION PROTECTION BASELINE INSPECTION						1
1, 2	12/10/2018	12/14/2018	IP 71124.05	000729	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
DBA PROGRAM						3
1, 2	01/28/2019	02/15/2019	IP 71111.21N	000714	Design Bases Assurance Inspection (Programs)	
RADIATION PROTECTION BASELINE INSPECTION						1
1, 2	02/04/2019	02/08/2019	IP 71124.08	000732	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	
Triennial Heat Sink						2
1, 2	03/04/2019	03/08/2019	IP 71111.07T	000700	Heat Sink Performance -Triennial	
CYBER SECURITY INSPECTION						5
1	04/01/2019	04/19/2019	IP 71130.10P	000741	Cyber Security	
EP BASELINE INSPECTION /PI VERIFICATION						1
1, 2	04/29/2019	05/03/2019	IP 71114.02	000717	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1, 2	04/29/2019	05/03/2019	IP 71114.03	000718	Emergency Response Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1, 2	04/29/2019	05/03/2019	IP 71114.05	000720	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
1, 2	04/29/2019	05/03/2019	IP 71151	001397	Performance Indicator Verification	
TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION						3
1	06/24/2019	07/26/2019	IP 71111.05XT	000697	Fire Protection - NFPA 805 (Triennial)	
SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION						2
1, 2	06/24/2019	06/28/2019	IP 71130.07	000739	Security Training	
1, 2	06/24/2019	06/28/2019	IP 71130.14	000743	Review of Power Reactor Target Sets	

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1, 2	06/24/2019	06/28/2019	IP 71151	001338	Performance Indicator Verification	
BIENNIAL REQUAL PROGRAM INSPECTION						2
1, 2	09/09/2019	09/13/2019	IP 71111.11B	000704	Licensed Operator Requalification Program and Licensed Operator Performance - Biennial	
Inservice Inspection on Unit 2						1
2	10/04/2019	11/03/2019	IP 71111.08P	000702	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
RP Baseline						1
1, 2	10/07/2019	10/11/2019	IP 71124.01	000725	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION						1
1, 2	11/04/2019	11/08/2019	IP 71130.02	000734	Access Control	
1, 2	11/04/2019	11/08/2019	IP 71130.06	000738	Protection of Safeguards Information	
1, 2	11/04/2019	11/08/2019	IP 81311	000831	Physical Security Requirements for Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations	
RADIATION PROTECTION BASELINE INSPECTION						1
1, 2	12/02/2019	12/06/2019	IP 71124.02	000726	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	