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Docket No. 50-282
Docket No. 50-306

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson
Vice President, Nuclear
Generation
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Ms. P. L. Eng and Mr. W. G. Guldmond of this office on June 10 through June 20, 1985, of activities at Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 & 2, authorized by NRC Operating License Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. D. J. Mendele and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Appendix. With respect to item 1.a the inspection showed that action had been taken to correct the identified noncompliance and to prevent recurrence. Consequently, no reply to this item of noncompliance is required and we have no further questions regarding this matter at this time.

Regarding the remaining items, a written response is required.

It was noted that members of your staff were extremely cooperative and responsive to the concerns and deficiencies identified. Our staff was impressed with the immediate interim corrective measures implemented by your staff prior to the exit interview.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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The responses directed by this letter (and the accompanying Notice) are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by R. L. Spessard

R. L. Spessard, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosure:

1. Appendix, Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-282/85012(DRS)
No. 50-306/85009(DRS)

cc w/enclosure:

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