

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Northern States Power Company
Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant

Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306
License Nos. DPR-42; DPR-60

During an NRC inspection conducted from May 25 through July 9, 1996, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violations are listed below:

Technical Specification 3.15.A required that 2 channels of containment hydrogen monitors shall be operable in Modes 1 and 2.

Technical Specification 3.15.B required that with two hydrogen monitor channels inoperable, the licensee must restore one channel to operable status within 72 hours or be in at least Mode 3 within the next 6 hours.

Contrary to the above, from March 3 through May 15, 1996, while in Modes 1 or 2, both Unit 1 hydrogen monitor channels (train A sensors 1XE-719 and 1XE-720; train B sensor 1XE-722) were inoperable because calibration equipment was degraded and action was not taken to restore at least one channel to operable status within 72 hours or to be in at least Mode 3 within the next 6 hours.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Northern States Power Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois,
this 13 day of September 1996