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Generic Letter 96-05

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PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

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Response to Generic Letter 96-05, Periodic Verification of
Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves

The purpose of this letter is to provide the initial 60-day response to NRC Generic Letter 96-05 for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant.

Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant plans to meet the intent of Generic Letter 96-05, Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves. We are a member of the Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG) which has established a group tasked to develop a generic program for this generic letter for the WOG. In addition the WOG is working with the Boiling Water Reactor Owners Group to establish a joint generic periodic verification program. We will be submitting the details of our plant specific program within 180 days from the date of the generic letter. We will be continuing our existing Generic Letter 89-10 Periodic Verification program until the Unit 1 1997 fall outage at which time the revised program described in the 180 day response will go into effect.

In this letter, the italicized statements above represent new NRC commitments.

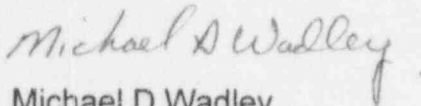
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