

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NOS. 50-282, 50-306, AND 72-10NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANYPRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2LICENSE NOS. DPR-42, DPR-60 AND SNM-2506ISSUANCE OF DIRECTOR'S DECISION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that the Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, has issued a Director's Decision concerning a Petition dated June 5, 1995, filed by the Nuclear Information and Resource Service and the Prairie Island Coalition Against Nuclear Storage (Petitioners) under Section 2.206 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 2.206). The Petition requested that Prairie Island Units 1 and 2 be immediately shut down and the operating licenses be suspended until the issues raised in the Petition could be resolved. The Petition was based on alleged problems with cracking of the Prairie Island steam generator tubes and reactor vessel head penetrations, use of the transfer channel between the reactor core and the fuel pool during unloading and loading of dry cask storage units, and use of the Prairie Island crane.

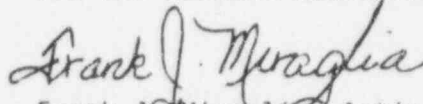
The Acting Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has determined that the Petition should be denied for the reasons stated in the "Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206" (DD-96-21), the complete text of which follows this notice. In reaching this decision, the Acting Director considered the concerns expressed by the Petitioners in letters to the NRC dated June 21, 1995, February 19, 1996 and March 13, 1996. The decision and the documents cited in the decision are available for public inspection and

copying in the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

A copy of this decision has been filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission's review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c). As provided therein, this decision will become the final action of the Commission 25 days after issuance unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes review of the decision within that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of November, 1996.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Miraglia", is written over the typed name.

Frank J. Miraglia, Acting Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment: DD-96-21