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The Honorable Richard L. Ottinger, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for your information is an announcement that the Nuclear  
Regulatory Commission staff has reduced the fine for a 1983 viola-  
tion of NRC safety requirements at the LaCrosse boiling water  
reactor from \$40,000 to \$10,000.

It is planned to mail this information to the news media today,  
June 1, 1984.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:  
As stated

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## **NRC STAFF REDUCES FINE TO \$10,000 FOR 1983 VIOLATION OF NRC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AT LACROSSE, WISCONSIN, REACTOR**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has reduced the fine for a 1983 violation of NRC safety requirements at the LaCrosse boiling water reactor from \$40,000 to \$10,000. The plant, located at Genoa, Wisconsin, is operated by the Dairyland Power Cooperative.

The violation involved the capping of one of two pressure sensing devices which would automatically start certain safety systems in the event of an accident. A second sensing device remained operable, and the safety system could also have been started manually from the control room.

A \$40,000 fine was proposed in August 1983 for the violation, and the utility requested that the fine be mitigated. The NRC staff has reduced the amount of the fine to \$10,000 because of the duration of the violation (the plant operated only on May 26-27, 1983, with the device capped), the small size of the reactor facility (at 50 megawatts, it is the smallest commercial nuclear power plant in the United States), and comparable enforcement actions taken at other nuclear facilities.

Dairyland Power Cooperative has until June 28, 1984, to pay the fine or to request a hearing.

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