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Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant

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**Annual Radioactive Effluent and Waste Disposal
Report for January through December 1996**

In accordance with the Prairie Island Technical Specifications, we are submitting one copy of the Radioactive Effluent and Waste Disposal Report covering 1996.

Other documents included are as follows:

Off-Site Radiation Dose Assessment, covering 1/96 through 12/96.

Revision 0 of the Annual Radioactive Effluent Report, Supplemental Information, covering 1/96 through 12/96.

Revision 14 of the Offsite Dose Calculation Manual (ODCM) is included along with a written description of the changes.

In this letter we have made no new Nuclear Regulatory Commission commitments.

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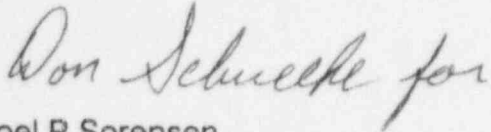


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