

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Northern States Power Company
Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant

Docket Nos. 50-306; 72-10
License Nos. DPR-60; SNM-2506

During an NRC inspection conducted from February 21, through April 4, 1997, two violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violations are listed below:

1. 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, "Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings," required, in part, that activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by documented instructions, procedures, or drawings of a type appropriate to the circumstances and shall be accomplished in accordance with these instructions, procedures, or drawings.

Procedure C18, "Engineered Safeguards System," Revision 34, Section 5.2, "Raising Accumulator Level (Cold or Refueling Shutdown)," required that the plant be in the Cold or Refueling Shutdown Mode when the accumulators were filled.

Surveillance Procedure SP 1001AA, "Reactor Coolant System Leakage Test," Revision 24, did not address manipulation of valve CV-31205.

Contrary to the above:

- a. On March 18, 1997, the licensee used Procedure C18, Section 5.2 to fill the Unit 2 accumulators and the plant was not in the Cold or Refueling Shutdown Mode.
- b. Operators occasionally manipulated valve CV-31205 during the performance of SP 1001AA to preclude diversion of letdown to the holdup tanks and subsequent voiding of the surveillance.

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

2. Section 13 of Amendment 2 of Materials License No. SNM-2506, dated February 1, 1996, requires the licensee to comply with all provisions of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) security plan. Section 6.2 of the ISFSI security plan requires visitors entry to be logged before entering the ISFSI protected area.

10 CFR 50.9 (a) requires information required by the Commission's regulations, orders, or license conditions to be complete and accurate in all material respects.

10 CFR 50.5 (a) prohibits an individual(s) from engaging in deliberate misconduct that could cause a licensee to be in violation of any rule, regulation, or order issued by the Commission.

Contrary to the above, on February 24, 1996, the junior day shift security shift supervisor removed a visitor sign in log sheet (required by Section 6.2 of the

Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) security plan) that correctly showed that visitors had entered the ISFSI on February 23, 1996, and replaced it with an altered visitor log sheet that incorrectly showed that no visitors had entered the ISFSI on February 23, 1996. The actions taken by the security supervisor caused the licensee to be in violation of Section 6.2 of the ISFSI security plan. The record (ISFSI visitor log) was material to the NRC in that such records are routinely reviewed to confirm compliance with requirements of the ISFSI security plan.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VII D.2).

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 violation, 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. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois
this 1st day of May 1997