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Copies of the Environmental Impact Appraisal and the Notice of Issuance and Negative Declaration are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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☐ Notice of Receipt of Application for Construction Permit(s) and Operating License(s).

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☐ Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License.

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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-282

PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT UNIT NO. 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 54
License No. DPR-42

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:

   A. The application for amendment by Northern States Power Company (the licensee) dated April 24, 1981, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;

   B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;

   C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;

   D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and

   E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

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2. Accordingly, the license is amended by deleting Appendix B in its entirety and by changes to the Appendix A Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment. Paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-42 is hereby amended to read as follows:

   (2) Technical Specifications

   The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 54 , are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Robert A. Clark, Chief
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Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

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DOCKET NO. 50-306

PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT UNIT NO. 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 48
License No. DPR-60

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:

   A. The application for amendment by Northern States Power Company (the licensee) dated April 24, 1981, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;

   B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;

   C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;

   D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and

   E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is amended by deleting Appendix B in its entirety and by changes to the Appendix A Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment. Paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-60 is hereby amended to read as follows:

   (2) Technical Specifications

   The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 48 , are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Attachment:
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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT NO. 54 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-42

AMENDMENT NO. 48 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-60

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Revise Appendix A as follows:

Remove Page	Insert Page
TS.6.7-7	TS.6.7-7 TS.6.7-8

Delete Appendix B in its entirety.

C. Unique Reporting Requirements

1. Radiological Environmental Reports

The following reports relating to radiological environmental activities shall be submitted to the appropriate NRC Regional Administrator:

a. A Semi-annual Radioactive Effluents Report shall be submitted within 60 days after January 1 and July 1 of each year. The report will meet the intent of Regulatory Guide 1.21, Revision 1, and will include a summary of the quantities of radioactive liquid and gaseous effluents and solid wastes released from the plant during the previous six months of operation.

b. An Annual Radiological Environmental Monitoring Report shall be submitted by April 1 of the subsequent year. The report will include summaries, interpretations, and statistical evaluation of the results of the radiological environmental surveillance activities for the report period and an assessment of the observed impacts of the plant operation on the environment. In the event that some results are not available within the 90 day period, the report will be submitted noting and explaining the reasons for the missing results which will be submitted as soon as possible in a supplementary report.

2. Other Environmental Reports (non-radiological, non-aquatic)

Written reports for the following items shall be submitted to the appropriate NRC Regional Administrator:

a. Environmental events that indicate or could result in a significant environmental impact causally related to plant operation. The following are examples: excessive bird impaction; onsite plant or animal disease outbreaks; unusual mortality of any species protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973; or increase in nuisance organisms or conditions. This report shall be submitted within 30 days of the event and shall (a) describe, analyze, and evaluate the event, including extent and magnitude of the impact and plant operating characteristics, (b) describe the probable cause of the event, (c) indicate the action taken to correct the reported event, (d) indicate the corrective action taken to preclude repetition of the event and to prevent similar occurrences involving similar components or system, and (e) indicate the agencies notified and their preliminary responses.

b. Proposed changes, tests or experiments which may result in a significant increase in any adverse environmental impact which was not previously reviewed or evaluated in the Final Environmental Statement or supplements thereto and not reportable under TS.6.7.C.2. This report shall include an evaluation of the environmental impact of the proposed activity and shall be submitted 30 days prior to implementing the proposed change, test or experiment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT APPRAISAL BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NOS. 54 AND 48 TO

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NOS. DPR-42 AND DPR-60

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2

DOCKET NOS. 50-282 AND 50-306

1.0 Introduction

By letter dated April 24, 1981 the Northern States Power Company (NSP) proposed the deletion of the Appendix B Environmental Technical Specifications from the operating licenses DPR-42 and DPR-60 for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP) Unit Nos. 1 and 2.

The Environmental Technical Specifications in Appendix B of licenses DPR-42 and 60 consist of five sections covering definitions, protection conditions, monitoring requirements, environmental surveillance and special studies and administrative. On January 19, 1981 the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the permitting agency under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), issued the final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Permit No. MN0004006 covering the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant.

2.0 Background and Evaluation

Water quality requirements are primarily addressed in two sections titled "Protection Conditions" and "Monitoring Requirements" of the environmental technical specifications (ETS) in Appendix B of licenses DPR-42 and 60, and also are covered in the NPDES permit MN0004006 issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency under EPA.

We concur in the deletion of the water quality requirements and will rely on the NPDES permit system administered by the State of Minnesota for the regulation and protection of the aquatic environment. We have informed the State of Minnesota of our decision and it has no objections to deleting these ETS. On this basis, sections 2 (protection conditions) and 3 (monitoring requirements) serve no useful purpose and may be deleted from Appendix B of the license. See Robinson, ALAB-569, 10 NRC 557; Yellow Creek, ALAB-515, 8 NRC 702. In addition, the reporting requirements presently contained in Appendix B have been shifted to Appendix A, thus guaranteeing notification to the NRC of any significant environmental developments.

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The only other section in Appendix B containing technical requirements is the section dealing with the environmental surveillance and special studies program which has been conducted over a six-year period since two-unit operation began. Our evaluation for terminating the Technical Specifications under the environmental surveillance and special studies program is as follows:

1. Technical Specification 4.1.1 specified that the licensee is to investigate any changes in the biota and the ecosystem induced by the operation of the plant. In addition, fish impingement and entrainment of phytoplankton and zooplankton had to be studied and results reported in the annual Environmental Monitoring and Ecological Studies Program Report. The licensee has completed these studies and submitted annual environmental reports indicating that no adverse effects on the environment have been detected during the period since the two-unit plant operation began. We have reviewed the licensee's submittals and agree with the licensee that the studies have shown no deleterious effects on the environment as a result of plant operation. In addition, the NPDES permit issued by the State of Minnesota addresses these matters regarding any plant design changes or that the Technical Specifications covering changes in the biota, ecosystems and fish impingement need not be part of the licensing requirements and therefore may be deleted from Appendix B.

2. Technical Specification 4.1.2 is concerned with terrestrial ecological studies designed to identify the flora and fauna within a 1.5 mile radius of the plant. Results of the terrestrial ecological studies were reported annually in the Annual Environmental Monitoring and Ecological Studies Program reports. Based on terrestrial surveillance conducted through 1978 it was concluded that no significant terrestrial environmental degradation occurred as a result of plant effluents, and therefore the terrestrial surveillance was terminated in 1978. We have reviewed the licensee's annual reports and agree with its conclusions. There is thus no need for initiating any new studies. On this basis, we conclude that the terrestrial ecological studies need not be part of the licensing requirements and therefore may be deleted from Appendix B.

3. Technical Specification 4.2.1 requires the monitoring of the dimensional configuration of the heated water plume as it flows from the outfall down the discharge canal into the river. This Technical Specification is part of the water quality requirements that are addressed in the NPDES permit MN0004006 and therefore for reasons cited above under water quality may be deleted from Appendix B.

4. Technical Specification 4.2.2, concerned with dredging, requires that estimates of the macroinvertebrate community and measurements of water quality parameters be performed to determine the effects of maintenance dredging on the aquatic environment. There has been no maintenance dredging in the six years since construction of the river facilities was completed, so there has been no opportunity to evaluate the effects of such an operation. We conclude that this requirement should be deleted from the Appendix B TS because: (1) experience indicates there will be a low frequency of maintenance dredging at this facility; (2) any

maintenance dredging would have to be in compliance with U.S. Corps of Engineer permits; (3) the total area affected is likely to be small (as discussed in the Prairie Island Final Environmental Statement, p. V-13); and (4) after dredging, the benthic macroinvertebrate community would repopulate the disturbed area.

5. Technical Specification 4.2.4 is concerned with a study on noise impacts due to the operation of the Prairie Island Generating Plant on the onsite and offsite environment. By letters dated May 20, 1977 and May 31, 1978, NSP submitted the results of its noise monitoring activities at the subject plant site, as required by Technical Specification 4.2.4 of Appendix B of the license.

We have reviewed the results of NSP's program, and find that there is no evidence of excessive noise levels in the plant vicinity due to normal operation of the facility. Noise levels during operation do not exceed the EPA identified level for protection of public health and welfare in farm and residential outdoor space. Potential for activity interference and annoyance in nearby areas as a result of normal plant operation is judged to be low.

We have also contacted the State of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), Division of Noise Control, with regard to State noise monitoring/compliance at the plant site. They report no noise related complaints associated with normal plant operation, but they have received one complaint during a steam blowout event at the plant. Routine or confirmatory monitoring has not been instituted by the State as a result of the existing compliant history of the plant. However, MPCA rules do provide a mechanism for such activities. In the unlikely event that the plant noise generation characteristics change, increasing offsite noise levels, either during normal operation or by increases in frequency or duration of blowdown events, adverse community reaction, as measured by complaints to MPCA, would result in monitoring and control action by the State. Removal of the NRC requirement for continued noise monitoring at Prairie Island would not result in substantial lessening of environmental protection at the plant site with respect to noise.

By our letter dated May 29, 1979 we informed the licensee that we find the reports satisfy the requirements of ETS 4.2.4 and are acceptable. We further conclude that the noise observations have adequately quantified the noise levels cause by operation of the Prairie Island Plant and find that the licensee has satisfied the intent of the Technical Specification requirement in regard to noise levels and that the surveys may be terminated. No further action is required in regard to Environmental Technical Specification 4.2.4.

Based on the above evaluation we conclude that the Technical Specification on noise impact may be deleted from Appendix B of the license.

6. Technical Specification 4.2.5, Erosion, requires that surveys of onsite property be conducted twice a year to determine where erosion has occurred, and that corrective action be taken to restore eroded areas and prevent further erosion from occurring. This specification also requires that the dredged offsite channel bottoms and boundaries be depth sounded for significant contour changes once a year. Review of the 1975, 1976 and 1977 Annual Environmental Reports indicates that several erosion areas onsite have been identified as a result of surveys conducted to satisfy this specification. The erosion control measures implemented after each of the twice-yearly surveys have been generally effective. Areas identified as being severely eroded in surveys one year have been either completely restored or judged to have only moderate-to-low erosion the next year. This portion of specification 4.2.5 has been useful in identifying areas onsite where erosion is a problem and documenting their recovery. Because the erosion problems have been decreasing in severity with no areas classified as being severely eroded in 1977, the staff judges that reduction of erosion survey frequency from twice-yearly to once-yearly is acceptable. Results of the yearly offsite soundings surveys indicates that in the six years since construction of the river facilities have been completed, no signficiant changes have occurred in dredged channel depth or location, even though no maintenance dredging has been conducted. Correction of offsite problems involving the dredged channels, if such problems occur, may only be made after consulting with the applicable Federal, State and local authorities. For these reasons, the staff believes that deletion of ETS Section 4.2.5 requiring erosion surveys of the onsite property is acceptable.

The definition and administrative sections of Appendix B are supporting sections for implementing the technical requirements appearing in the other sections of Appendix B. Since all of the technical requirements in Appendix B have either been fulfilled and found acceptable or as in the case of water quality requirements are covered under the NPDES permit, the definition and administrative sections of Appendix B, except for certain reporting requirements, serve no useful purpose. We have reviewed the existing reporting requirements and find that future changes to the plant or procedure that may increase the environmental impact as evaluated in the Final Environmental Statement shall be reported to the NRC. These reporting requirements are now addressed in the proposed changes to the environmental reporting sections in Appendix "A" of the licenses No. DPR-42 and 60 as discussed below. On this basis we conclude that the definition and administrative sections of Appendix B are no longer required and may be deleted.

In order to assure that environmental matters are adequately considered by the NRC (see Detroit Edison Co. v. NRC, 9/5/81; Declaration of Purpose, Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. § 5801), in regard to Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant's performance, we proposed to the licensee that certain reporting requirements be included in the environmental report section of Appendix A of licenses Nos. DPR-42 and 60. The principal objectives of these reporting requirements are as follows:

(1) Verify that the station is operated in an environmentally acceptable manner, as established by the Final Environmental Statement (FES) and other NRC environmental impact assessments.

(2) Coordinate NRC requirements and maintain consistency with other Federal, State and local requirements for environmental protection.

(3) Keep NRC informed of the environmental effects of facility construction and operation and of actions taken to control those effects.

The licensee has reviewed these additional reporting requirements and has agreed (except for minor changes which we find acceptable) to make these reporting requirements part of the Technical Specification Appendix A of the licenses.

In addition, the licensee proposes to delete the phrase which is in reference to the annual Radiological Environmental reports meeting the intent of Regulatory Guide 4.1 (1/18/73). We agree with the licensee that referencing the intent of Regulatory Guide (1/18/73) is not applicable and should be deleted for the following reasons:

1. Regulatory Guide 4.1 has been revised in April 1975 and no reporting requirements are addressed in the revised version.

2. Specific reporting requirements covering Radiation Environmental Monitoring Programs exist in Appendix A of the license (TS 4.10).

3. This phrase in no way contributes to improvements of measuring or reporting radiation level and radioactivity in the site environs.

In conclusion, based on the above evaluations in which the NPDES effluent limitations and monitoring requirements, thermal studies and ecological monitoring requirements and the reporting requirements will provide appropriate protection for the environment, we find that the deletion of Appendix B from the licenses DPR-42 and 60 is acceptable.

Conclusion and Basis for Negative Declaration

On the basis of the foregoing analysis, it is concluded that there will be no environmental impact attributable to the proposed actions other than has already been predicted and described in the Commission's FES for Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units Nos. 1 and 2. Having made this conclusion, the Commission has further concluded that no environmental impact statement for the proposed action need be prepared and that a negative declaration to this effect is appropriate.

Date: February 26, 1982

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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment Nos. 54 and 48 to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60 issued to Northern States Power Company (the licensee), which revised Technical Specifications for operation of Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (the facilities) located in Goodhue County, Minnesota. The amendments are effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendments delete Appendix B (Environmental Technical Specifications) from the operating licenses and include in Appendix A certain reporting requirements which were included in Apendix B.

The application for the amendments complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendments. Prior public notice of these amendments was not required since the amendments do not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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The Commission has prepared an Environmental Impact Appraisal for the revised Technical Specifications and has concluded that an environmental impact statement for this particular action is not warranted because there will be no environmental impact attributable to the action other than that which has already been predicted and described in the Commission's Final Environmental Statement for the facility dated May 1973.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendments dated April 24, 1981, (2) Amendment Nos. 54 and 48 to License Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60, and (3) the Commission's related Environmental Impact Appraisal. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and at the Environmental Conservation Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 26th day of February, 1982.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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