

March 2, 2004

Mr. Joseph Solymossy  
Site Vice-President  
Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant  
Nuclear Management Company, LLC  
1717 Wakonade Drive East  
Welch, MN 55089

SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT  
CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

Dear Mr. Solymossy:

In a letter dated September 26, 2003, your staff responded to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2003-14, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. Initial license examinations were requested during the weeks of August 1 and August 8, 2005, and during the weeks of March 26 and April 2, 2007. The initial license examination requested for August 2005 has been scheduled and a chief examiner assigned during the requested weeks. The examination requested during March/April 2007 will be scheduled as we approach that date. Please inform us if the number of candidates in either of these examinations decreases below 10 as this will impact the examination schedule.

On-site validation of the examinations will occur at Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant approximately 3 weeks before the examination administration date. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examinations at a mutually acceptable date.

As indicated in your RIS response letter, your staff will develop the examinations. A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the initial examination informing them of the chief examiner's name. The letter will also outline examination security expectations, list the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirm the examination dates, and reconfirm the number of candidates you have in the training program. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mr. D. McNeil of my staff at 630-829-9737.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

*/RA/*

Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief  
Operations Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306  
License Nos. DPR-42; DPR-60

cc: Plant Manager, Prairie Island  
Mano K. Nazar, Senior Vice President  
John Paul Cowan, Chief Nuclear Officer  
Manager, Regulatory Affairs  
Jonathan Rogoff, Esquire General Counsel  
Nuclear Asset Manager  
Commissioner, Minnesota  
Department of Health  
State Liaison Officer, State of Wisconsin  
Tribal Council, Prairie Island Indian Community  
Administrator, Goodhue County Courthouse  
Commissioner, Minnesota Department  
of Commerce

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,  
*/RA/*  
Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief  
Operations Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306  
License Nos. DPR-42; DPR-60

cc: Plant Manager, Prairie Island  
Mano K. Nazar, Senior Vice President  
John Paul Cowan, Chief Nuclear Officer  
Manager, Regulatory Affairs  
Jonathan Rogoff, Esquire General Counsel  
Nuclear Asset Manager  
Commissioner, Minnesota  
Department of Health  
State Liaison Officer, State of Wisconsin  
Tribal Council, Prairie Island Indian Community  
Administrator, Goodhue County Courthouse  
Commissioner, Minnesota Department  
of Commerce

ADAMS Distribution:

DFT  
TJK3  
DCT  
RidsNrrDipmlipb  
GEG  
HBC  
JTA  
DRPIII  
DRSIII  
PLB1  
JRK1  
M. A. Bies (concurrence copy)

DOCUMENT NAME:

To receive a copy of this document, indicate in the box "C" = Copy w/o attach/encl "E" = Copy with attach/encl "N" = No copy

OFFICE	RIII:DRS	RIII:DRS	RIII:DRS	
NAME	MABies:sd	DMcNeil	RDLanksbury	
DATE	2/24/04	11/24/03	03/02/04	

**OFFICIAL RECORD COPY**