

May 11, 2004

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

SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT  
NRC INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION REPORT 005000282/2004301(DRS);  
05000306/2004301(DRS)

Dear Mr. Solymossy:

On April 23, 2004, NRC examiners completed initial operator licensing examinations at your Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plant. The enclosed report presents the results of the examination.

Under the direction of NRC examiners, Prairie Island training department personnel administered an initial license re-take written examination on April 23, 2004. One Reactor Operator (RO) and six Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) applicants were administered the written examinations. The results of the written examinations were finalized on April 30, 2004. All applicants passed all sections of their respective examinations and were issued applicable operator licenses. The operating tests were waived for each of these applicants based on their operating performance during a previous initial examination and upon their successful completion of an accelerated remedial training program to address identified performance weaknesses.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this examination.

Sincerely,

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

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

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REGION III

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

Report No: 05000282/2004301(DRS); 05000306/2004301(DRS)

Licensee: Nuclear Management Company, LLC

Facility: Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2

Location: 1717 Wakonade Drive East  
Welch, MN 55089

Date: April 23, 2004

Examiners D. McNeil, Chief Examiner  
N. Valos, Examiner

Approved by: Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief  
Operations Branch

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

ER 05000282/2004301(DRS), 05000306/2004301(DRS); 04/23/2004; Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 & 2; Initial License Examination Report.

The announced operator licensing re-take initial written examination was conducted by Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant training personnel under the direction of regional NRC examiners in accordance with the guidance of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Draft.

### Examination Summary:

- Seven applicants (one Reactor Operator (RO) and six Senior Reactor Operators (SROs)), passed all sections of their respective examinations and were issued applicable operator licenses. (Section 4OA5.1)

## REPORT DETAILS

### 4. OTHER ACTIVITIES (OA)

#### 4OA5 Other

##### .1 Initial Licensing Examinations

###### a. Examination Scope

The NRC reviewed a Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant developed re-take initial license written examination for Reactor Operators and Senior Reactor Operators. The facility's training staff used the guidance established in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Draft, to prepare the examination outline and to develop the written examination. Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant training staff members were directed to administer the written examination between April 23, 2004, and April 30, 2004. One Reactor Operator and six Senior Reactor Operator applicants were examined.

###### b. Findings

###### Written Examination

The licensee developed the written examination. During their initial review, the NRC examiners determined that the examination, as submitted by the licensee, was within the range of acceptability expected for a proposed examination. During the week of March 15, 2004, examination changes agreed upon between the NRC and the licensee were incorporated according to the guidance contained in NUREG-1021.

###### Examination Results

All applicants passed the written examination. The licensee had no post examination comments on the written examination.

##### .2 Examination Security

###### a. Examination Scope

The examiners reviewed the licensee's implementation of examination security requirements during the examination preparation and administration.

###### b. Findings

No findings were noted in this area. The licensee staff appeared to be enforcing correct examination security procedures.

4OA6 Meetings

.1 Exit Meeting

The chief examiner presented the examination team's preliminary observations and findings on April 29, 2004, to Mr. W. Markham of the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. Mr. Markham acknowledged the observations and findings presented.

ATTACHMENT: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

### **KEY POINTS OF CONTACT**

#### Licensee

J. Lash, Station Training Manager  
T. Bacon, Initial License Training  
W. Markham, Initial License Training

### **ITEMS OPENED, CLOSED AND DISCUSSED**

#### Opened

None

#### Closed

None

#### Discussed

None

### **LIST OF ACRONYMS**

ADAMS	Agency-Wide Document Access and Management System
DRS	Division of Reactor Safety
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
PARS	Publicly Available Records
RO	Reactor Operator
SRO	Senior Reactor Operator

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS AND ANSWER KEYS (RO/SRO)

RO Retake Examination and Answer Key ADAMS Accession No. ML041280252  
SRO Retake Examination and Answer Key ADAMS Accession No. ML041280275