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**SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
FATIGUE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM INSPECTION**

Dear Mr. Schimmel:

In a telephone conversation on January 20, 2010, Ms. M. Davis, of Regulatory Assurance, and Mr. B. Palagi, Lead Inspector, made arrangements for the NRC to inspect the fatigue management program at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. The inspection is planned for February 22, 2010, and will be conducted in accordance with TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION 2515/180 INSPECTION OF PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES FOR MANAGING FATIGUE.

In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish copies of the site fatigue management policy, procedures, and training materials to the NRC by the week of February 15, 2010. Additionally, to facilitate the efficient conduct of this inspection, please have available on site personnel familiar with the processes used to document, report, and audit the management of the worker fatigue program, to interface with the inspector. Ms. Davis has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC inspector assigned to this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact Bruce Palagi at 630-829-9611, or me at 630-829-9707.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Hironori Peterson, Chief
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