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**SUBJECT: INFORMATION REQUEST TO SUPPORT UPCOMING PRAIRIE
ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, BIENNIAL
PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION INSPECTION**

Dear Mr. Schimmel:

This letter is to request information to support our biennial Problem Identification and Resolution (PI&R) inspection beginning September 20, 2010, at the Prairie Island Nuclear Plant. This inspection will be performed in accordance with the NRC baseline Inspection Procedure 71152.

Experience has shown that these inspections are extremely resource intensive both for the NRC inspectors and the utility staff. In order to minimize the impact that the inspection has on the site and to ensure a productive inspection, we have enclosed a list of documents required for the inspection.

The documents requested are copies of performance reports and lists of information necessary to ensure the inspection team is adequately prepared for the inspection. The information may be provided in either CD-ROM or hard copy format and should be ready for NRC review by September 13, 2010. Mr. Robert Lerch, the Lead Inspector, will contact your staff to determine the best method of providing the requested information.

If there are any questions about the material requested, or the inspection in general, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Lerch at 630-829-9759 or email to Robert.Lerch@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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Robert J. Orlikowski, Acting Chief
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Division of Reactor Projects

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Requested Information for a Problem Identification and Resolution (PI&R) Inspection

It is preferred that the information be provided on compact disc, if possible, with a disc for each inspector for inspection preparation. Currently, five part and full time inspectors are planned. A printed copy is requested to be available on site.

1. A copy of administrative procedure(s) for the corrective action program (CAP), trending program, quality assurance audit program, self-assessment program, corrective action effectiveness review program, and industry experience review program.
2. A copy of the Employee Concerns Program/Ombudsman administrative procedure.
3. A copy of any self-assessments and quality assurance (QA) audits of the corrective action program completed after July 31, 2009.
4. A list of all self-assessments and audits (including QA) completed after July 31, 2009.
5. The plan/schedule for self-assessments and audits for the next year out through 2011.
6. A list of condition reports closed after July 31, 2009, sorted by significance level and then initiation date. Include a description, the significance level, the date initiated and closed.
7. A list of all open condition reports sorted by significance level and then initiation date. Include the date initiated, a description of the issue, and the significance level.
8. A list of root cause evaluations completed after July 31, 2009.
9. A list of effectiveness reviews completed after July 31, 2009.
10. A list of condition reports initiated after July 31, 2009, that involve inadequate or ineffective corrective actions. Include the date initiated, a brief description, status, and significance level of the issue.
11. A list of condition reports initiated after July 31, 2009, that identify trends of conditions adverse to quality. Include the date initiated, a brief description, status, and significance level for each item.
12. The total number of CRs generated monthly in the entire system going back to July 31, 2009, and by department annually for 2009 and 2010 (January thru July).
13. A list of operating experience documents received after July 31, 2009, and any associated condition reports.
14. A list of test failures (IST or Technical Specifications surveillances) after July 31, 2009, with a brief description of component/system which failed.

15. A list of condition reports issued during the past two refueling outages sorted by system and component, including a brief description, status, and significance level for each item.
16. A list of Maintenance Rule (a)(1) systems and components, and the associated health reports since July 31, 2009.
17. A list of open temporary modifications, operability determinations, control room deficiencies, and operator workarounds.
18. A copy of the most recent operating experience program effectiveness review.
19. A list of the top ten risk significant systems and top ten risk significant components.
20. Scheduled date/time/location of all meetings associated with implementation of the corrective action program, such as Condition Report (CR) screening meetings, corrective action review board meetings, etc.
21. Description of changes made to the corrective action program since the last PI&R Inspection.

Documents requested to be available as printed copies on-site during the inspection:

- a. Documentation for corrective actions taken for issues identified in NRC findings issued after July 31, 2009.
- b. A copy of any performance reports for the past 2 years (after May 2009) used to track the corrective action program performance metrics, status or effectiveness.
- c. Copies of any self-assessments and associated condition reports generated in preparation for the inspection.
- d. Results of any self-assessments of safety culture/safety conscious work environment completed after June 2008.
- e. A list of issues brought to the ECP/ombudsman and the actions taken for resolution.
- f. Updated Final Safety Analysis Report
- g. Technical Specifications
- h. Plant Procedures
- i. The QA manual
- j. A list of the organization codes used in the CAP.

In addition, inspectors will require computer access to the CAP database while on site.

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