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Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Units 1 and 2  
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Withdrawal of Request for Revision to Reactor Vessel Material Surveillance Capsule  
Withdrawal Schedule for Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP) (TAC Nos.  
ME3708 and ME3709)

By letter dated March 30, 2010 (ML100900089), Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (NSPM), doing business as Xcel Energy, requested NRC approval for a revision to the PINGP, Units 1 and 2, reactor vessel material surveillance capsule withdrawal schedule.

An application for a renewed operating license (ML081130666) which will allow PINGP operation to be extended for 20 years was submitted April 11, 2008. To support the proposed extended period of plant operations, NSPM proposed to remove Capsule N from Unit 1 during the Spring 2011 refueling outage and remove Capsule S from Unit 2 during the Spring 2012 refueling outage per the plant specific program.

In the Fall of 2010, the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) issued draft Areva report, 47- 9145750-000, "Coordinated U.S. PWR Reactor Vessel Surveillance Program (DRAFT 2)" which provides a coordinated United States pressurized water reactor (PWR) reactor vessel surveillance program in compliance with 10CFR50 Appendix H and NUREG-1801, revision 2 (draft), "Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report" (ML101320104). This program recommends that capsules be removed from PINGP Units 1 and 2 once they reach a fluence equivalent to the 80-year reactor pressure vessel peak fluence (approximately 2020).

NSPM intends to follow the EPRI coordinated reactor vessel surveillance program and therefore withdraws the March 30, 2010 (ML100900089) request for approval of a revised surveillance capsule withdrawal schedule.

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Since the existing removal schedule states that the remaining capsules are in "standby", revision to the surveillance capsule withdrawal schedule in the near-future is not required.

If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact Mr. Dale Vincent, P.E., at 651-388-1121.

Summary of Commitments

This letter contains no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.



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