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Mr. Mark A. Schimmel
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**SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT REQUALIFICATION
PROGRAM INSPECTION**

Dear Mr. Schimmel:

In a telephone conversation on July 20, 2011, Mr. T. Ouret, General Supervisor Operations Training, and Mr. Dell McNeil, Senior Operations Engineer, made arrangements for the NRC to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. The inspection is planned for the week of October 17, 2011, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their biennial comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish the written examinations and operating tests to the NRC by October 10, 2011. Mr. Ouret has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead 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 Dell McNeil at 630-829-9737, or me at 630-829-9707.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Hironori Peterson, Chief
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