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January 25, 2012

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**SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 -  
NRC MATERIAL CONTROL & ACCOUNTING PROGRAM  
INSPECTION REPORT 05000282/2011406 AND 05000306/2011406**

Dear Mr. Schimmel:

On January 12, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at your Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Units 1 and 2. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the Security Cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results which were discussed on January 12, 2012, with Mr. Kevin Davison and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to safety and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspector reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

No findings were identified during this inspection.

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Sincerely,

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