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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2;
NRC SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION REPORT 05000282/2012406;
05000306/2012406

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

On August 31, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff completed a supplemental inspection at your Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed at the exit meeting on August 31, 2012, with Mr. J. Molden and other members of your staff. During this meeting, R. Skokowski, the Acting Region III DRS Deputy Director, discussed the associated performance deficiencies and corrective actions with your staff, which fulfills NRC policy for a regulatory performance meeting.

In accordance with the NRC Reactor Oversight Process Action Matrix, this supplemental inspection was performed to follow-up on a performance issue which occurred in the fourth quarter of 2011. The issue was previously documented and assessed in NRC Inspection Report 05000282/2011405; 05000306/2011405. The NRC was informed of your readiness for the inspection on May 16, 2012.

The objectives of this supplemental inspection were to determine whether or not: (1) the root causes and contributing causes for the significant issues were understood; (2) the extent of condition and the extent of cause of the issues were identified; and (3) corrective actions were or will be sufficient to address and preclude repetition of the root and contributing causes. All inspection objectives described in Inspection Procedure 95001 were completed during the inspection. As a result, Violation 05000282/2011405-01; 05000306/2011405-01 is closed.

Based on the results of this inspection, no findings were identified.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Steven A. Reynolds, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

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