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November 28, 2012

Mr. Jim Lynch  
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Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant  
Northern States Power Company, Minnesota  
1717 Wakonade Drive East  
Welch, MN 55089

**SUBJECT:** PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2;  
NRC SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION REPORT 05000282/2012403;  
05000306/2012403

Dear Mr. Lynch:

On October 26, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection of your Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. 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 October 25, 2012, with Mr. J. Sorenson and other members of your staff.

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

No findings were identified during this inspection.

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

Sincerely,

***/RA/ By Don E. Funk Acting For/***

Richard A. Skokowski, Chief  
Plant Support Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

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