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August 12, 2013

Mr. Jim Lynch
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**SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2
NOTIFICATION OF NRC INSPECTION**

Dear Mr. Lynch:

In a telephone conversation on August 1, 2013, Mr. B. Palagi, Lead Inspector, and Mr. T. Ouret, General Supervisor, Operator Training, arranged for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to inspect the licensed operator Requalification Program at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. Additionally, Ms. P. Oleson, Regulatory Assurance, has been informed by telephone to make arrangements for the NRC to conduct an inspection using Temporary Instruction (TI) 2515-186, "Inspection of Procedures and Processes for Responding to Potential Aircraft Threats," at Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. These concurrent inspections are scheduled for the week of September 9, 2013, 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 Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (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, operating tests scheduled for the week of the inspection and a list of corrective action reports regarding licensed operator issues to the NRC by the week of September 2, 2013. Mr. Ouret has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

Mr. C. Zoia, the TI 2515-186 NRC inspector, will require a shift manager-qualified individual, qualified unit supervisors, and a qualified security shift supervisor for a table-top scenario to allow inspection of TI 2515-186 attributes. Additionally, in order to minimize the impact to your onsite resources and to ensure a productive inspection for both sides, please have available the procedures that would be followed when responding to an aircraft threat and any related lesson plans pertinent to the inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact Mr. B. Palagi at 630-829-9611, Mr. C. Zoia at 630-829-9863, or I can be reached at 630-829-9707.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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