

October 1, 2014

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of	)	
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NORTHERN STATES POWER CO.	)	Docket No. 72-10-ISFSI-2
	)	
(Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant	)	ASLBP No. 12-922-01-ISFSI-MLR-BD01
Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation)	)	

NRC STAFF'S UPDATED STATUS REPORT OF  
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE

Pursuant to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's February 1, 2013 Amended Initial Scheduling Order, the NRC Staff hereby submits this updated status report regarding its safety and environmental review schedule.<sup>1</sup> The Staff's current estimate regarding the completion for both its Final Environmental Assessment and Safety Evaluation Report is February, 2015.<sup>2</sup> Northern States Power Company (NSPM) commissioned an archaeological survey of the potential expansion area of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation. This survey took place on September 23 & 24, 2014. Counsel for the parties consulted prior to NSPM's commissioning of the survey, and representatives from the parties observed excavation activities. The Staff is currently awaiting the report documenting the results of this survey and intends to analyze this report in preparation of its Final Environmental Assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

**Signed (electronically) by**  
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<sup>1</sup> See Order (Amended Initial Scheduling Order) at 6-7 (Feb. 1, 2013) (unpublished).

<sup>2</sup> The Staff's most recent update estimated that its Safety Evaluation Report and Final Environmental Assessment would be completed in October, 2014. See NRC Staff's Updated Status Report of Safety and Environmental Review Schedule (June 16, 2014). .

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R § 2.305, I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing “NRC  
STAFF’S UPDATED STATUS REPORT OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
SCHEDULE” in the above-captioned proceeding have been filed through the E-Filing system  
this 1st day of October 2014.

**/Signed (electronically) by/**

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