

## **SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION**

June 1, 2017

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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 NRC  
SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT 05000282/2017201 AND  
05000306/2017201

Dear Mr. Northard:

On May 11, 2017, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security inspection at your Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2. NRC inspectors discussed results of this inspection with you and other members of your staff. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

NRC inspectors documented two findings of very low security significance (Green) in this report. These findings involved violations of NRC requirements. The NRC is treating these violations as non-cited violations (NCVs) consistent with Section 2.3.2.a of the Enforcement Policy.

If you contest these violations or the significance of these NCVs, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region III; the Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response; the Director, Office of Enforcement; and the NRC resident inspector at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2.

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Sincerely,

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Robert C. Johnson, Chief  
Security Performance Evaluation Branch  
Division of Security Operations  
Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

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