

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NOS. 50-282 AND 50-306NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANYNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 37 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-42, and Amendment No. 31 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-60 issued to Northern States Power Company (the licensee), which revised Technical Specifications for operation of Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (the facilities) located in Goodhue County, Minnesota. The amendments are effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendments change the surveillance frequencies of the nuclear instrumentation system low power level reactor trip function.

The application for the amendments complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter 2, which are set forth in the license amendments. Prior public notice of these amendments was not required since the amendments do not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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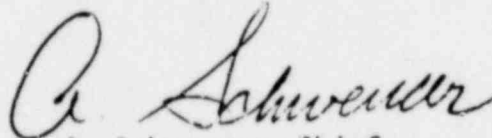
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The Commission has determined that the issuance of these amendments will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of these amendments.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendments dated January 10, 1978, supplemented March 15, 1979, (2) Amendment Nos. 37 and 31 to License Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and at the Environmental Conservation Library, 300 Nicolet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 2nd day of August, 1979.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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