



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION III
799 ROOSEVELT ROAD
GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS 60137

TIC

MAR 3 1980

Docket No. 50-282

Docket No. 50-306

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Dennis E. Gilberts
Vice President
Power Production and
System Operation
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. C. D. Feierabend of this office on January 2-31, 1980, of activities in your corporate office and at Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, authorized by NRC Operating Licenses No. DPR-42 and DPR-60 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. Tierney at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Appendix A. Because of the nature of the noncompliance, we considered it important that we discuss the results of the inspection directly with you and with appropriate members of your staff. Accordingly, such a meeting was held at the Northern State Power Company corporate offices on February 26, 1980. The results of that meeting will be discussed in a separate report.

This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office within twenty days of your receipt of this notice a written statement or explanation in reply, including for each item of noncompliance: (1) corrective action taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective action to be taken to avoid further noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved. We request that your written reply be submitted to this office within twenty days following conclusion of our meeting.

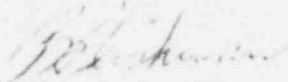
8004100 269

MAR 3 1980

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, except as follows. If the enclosures contain information that you or your contractors believe to be proprietary, you must apply in writing to this office, within twenty days of your receipt of this letter, to withhold such information from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons for which the information is considered proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in an enclosure to the application.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,



R. F. Heishman, Chief
Reactor Operations and
Nuclear Support Branch

Enclosures:

1. IE Inspection Report
No. 50-283/80-01; and
No. 50-306/80-01
2. Appendix A, Notice
of Violation

cc w/encl:

Mr. F. P. Tierney, Jr.,
Plant Manager
Central Files
Reproduction Unit NRC 20b
PDR
Local PDR
NSIC
TIC
John W. Ferman, Ph.D.,
Nuclear Engineer, MPCA