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Docket No. 50-306

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson
Vice President, Nuclear
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Mr. J. A. Gavula of this office on December 7, 1988, through August 31, 1989, of activities related to IE Bulletin 79-14 and Copes Vulcan Valve discrepancies at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, authorized by NRC Operating Licenses No. DPR-42 and No. DPR-60 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. G. Rolfson 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 violation of NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Notice. The inspection showed that actions had been taken to correct the identified violations and to prevent recurrence. The violations meet the five criteria of 10CFR2, Appendix C, Section V.G. Consequently, no Notice of Violation was issued, and we have no further questions regarding this matter at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY R. N. GARDNER (FOR)

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Enclosures: Inspection Reports

No. 50-282/89024(DRS);

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