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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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February 17, 1981

Docket No. 50-409

Dairyland Power Cooperative
ATTN: Mr. F. W. Linder
General Manager
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Messrs. W. L. Forney and M. W. Branch of this office during December 1980, of activities at the LaCrosse Boiling Water Reactor authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-45 and to the discussion of our findings with R. E. Shimshak 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 non-compliance with NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Appendix A. With respect to item 1 the inspection showed that action had been taken to correct the identified noncompliance and to prevent recurrence. Consequently, no reply to this item of noncompliance is required and we have no further questions regarding this matter at this time.

Regarding the remaining item, a written response is required.

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

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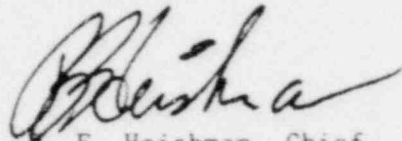
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this office, within twenty-five days of the date of this letter, to withhold such information from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons for which the information is considered proprietary, and should be prepared 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,



K. F. Heishman, Chief
Reactor Operations and Nuclear
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice
of Violation
2. IE Inspection Report
No. 50-409/81-01

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