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Docket No. 50-306

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. P. L. Hartmann, J.D., T. J. O'Connor, and E. R. Schweibinz of this office on January 17 through February 27, 1990, of activities at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, 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. E. L. Waizl and other members of your staff 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. A written response is required.

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

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

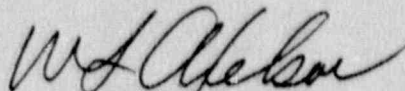
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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,



W. L. Axelson, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 2

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Reports
No. 50-282/90002(DRP);
No. 50-306/90002(DRP)

cc w/enclosures:

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