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Docket No. 50-282
Docket No. 50-306

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Leo Wachter
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414 Nicollet Mall
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. C. D. Feierabend of this office on September 5-8, 11-14, 20-22 and 25-29, 1978, of activities at your corporate office and at 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. Tierney and others 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 noncompliance with NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Appendix A.

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 non-compliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

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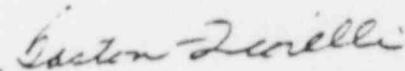
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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,



Gaston Fiorelli, Chief
Reactor Operations and
Nuclear Support Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice
of Violation
2. IE Inspection Reports
No. 50-282/78-12
and No. 50-306/78-13

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