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Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Dennis E. Gilberts
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Gentlemen:

This is to confirm the conversation between Mr. L. R. Eliason and Mr. C. D. Feierabend of the Region III staff scheduling November 10, 1982, at 10:00 a.m. as the date and time to discuss the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. This meeting is to be held at Northern States Power Company Corporate offices, Minneapolis, MN.

Mr. J. G. Keppler, Regional Administrator, and members of the NRC staff will present the observations and findings of the SALP Board. Since this meeting is intended to be a forum for the mutual understanding of the issues and findings, you are encouraged to have appropriate representation at the meeting. As a minimum we would suggest you, Messer. L. R. Eliason, C. E. Larson and E. L. Watzl, and managers for the various functional areas where problems have been identified attend the meeting.

Enclosure 1 to this letter summarizes the more significant findings identified in the SALP Board's evaluation of the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant for the period of July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1982.

The enclosed SALP Report which documents the findings of the SALP Board is for your review prior to the meeting. Subsequent to the meeting the SALP Report will be issued by the Regional Administrator.

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If you desire to make comments concerning our evaluation of your facility, they should be submitted to this office within twenty days after the meeting date; otherwise, it will be assumed that you have no comments.

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 SALP Report, and your comments, if any, will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room when the SALP Report is issued.

If you have any question concerning the SALP Report we will be happy to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

J. A. Hind, Chairman
Region III SALP Board
Director, Division of Emergency
Preparedness and Operational
Support

Enclosures:

1. Summary of Significant Findings
2. Preliminary Prairie Island SALP 3 Report (5 copies)

cc w/encls:

Resident Inspector, RIII

ENCLOSURE 1

Summary of Significant Findings for Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant.

General Observations

The licensee's performance in the individual functional areas continued at an unusually high level in most cases, indicating high levels of management involvement and attention. The effectiveness of management efforts is also evidenced by the efficiency of plant operations and an unusually low number of noncompliances with regulatory requirements. The licensee has been very responsive to identified problems and NRC concerns and issues. Management efforts have been supplemented by a stable and competent staff. Although several concerns were identified in record management, design control and training, the licensee appeared to have adequately addressed these concerns.

While increased number of LERs associated with personnel error and procedural deficiencies may be due, in part, to a more critical assessment of the cause, there was a step increase in these events that warrant management attention to ensure that these events do not become an increasing trend.