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Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. L. R. Eliason
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Dear Mr. Eliason:

Thank you for the letter from Mr. T. M. Parker of your staff in response to our July 25, 1991 letter concerning a fitness-for-duty (FFD) issue (AMS RIII 91-A-0057) at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant.

In our letter, we requested that you evaluate the issue in accordance with your FFD program requirements. Mr. T. Parker's letter, dated August 23, 1991, concluded that no safety-related concerns and no violations of the FFD program were identified during the evaluation of the issue.

The issue involved three named individuals who supposedly abused drugs and alcohol. Your investigation concluded that one of the individuals unescorted access was denied on September 30, 1988 for failure to comply with FFD requirements to complete a chemical dependency program, and that the individual would not be granted unescorted access for the Prairie Island plant in the future.

The other two individuals were determined not to have a chemical dependency problem. This determination was based upon management interviews, a review of public records pertaining to arrests and driving violations, and an assessment by your Social Resource Center.

We found your investigation to be sufficient to support your conclusions and have no additional questions regarding this matter. We request that you retain the supporting documentation in reference to your investigation of this issue for a minimum of one year from the date of this letter.

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

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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