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

Northern States Power Company ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson Director of Nuclear Generation 414 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55401

## Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safeguards inspection conducted by Messrs. J.R. Kniceley and J.L. Belanger of this office on July 9-13, 1984, 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. Watzl and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

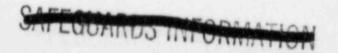
The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Appendix. A written response is required.

Areas examined during this inspection concern a subject matter which is exempt from disclosure according to Section 73.21(c)(2) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 73, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. This information must be handled and protected in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 73.21. Consequently, the enclosure to this letter, our report of this inspection, and your response to the noncompliance identified in the enclosure to this letter will not be placed in the Public Document Room. Therefore, your statement of corrective action regarding the noncompliance identified in the enclosure should be submitted as a separate enclosure to your transmittal letter in the manner prescribed.

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

Sincerely,

W. L. Axelson, Chief Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards Branch

Enclosures:

 Appendix, Notice of Violation

Inspection Reports
 No. 50-282/84-10(DRSS);
 No. 50-306/84-09(DRSS)

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