

December 26, 1995

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-III-95-064

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by Region III staff (Lisle, Illinois) on this date.

Facility
Northern States Power Co.
Prairie Island 1 2
Welch, Minnesota
Dockets: 50-282,50-306

Licensee Emergency Classification
Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
X Not Applicable

Subject: INSTRUCTOR HOLDING SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR LICENSE FAILS SECOND DRUG TEST. (LICENSE NO: SOP-31148)

On December 12, 1995, an instructor in the licensee's training facility failed his second drug test in two months. The instructor holds a Senior Reactor Operators license and is involved in the training and qualification of licensed operators and operator license candidates. The individual does not actively use his license. The instructor was subjected to a random drug test on November 6, 1995, with a confirmed positive test result for marijuana. The instructor was relieved of his duties and denied site access. Following return to duty on December 6, 1995, the instructor was placed in an augmented drug testing program. On December 12, 1995, the instructor was subjected to an unannounced drug test with a confirmed positive test result for marijuana. The licensee suspended the individual on December 21, 1995, and is reviewing the individual's work prior to the second test.

Region III (Chicago) will review the test results for possible enforcement action.

The State of Minnesota has been notified. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

The licensee reported the test findings to the NRC Operations Center at 3:00 p.m. (CST) on December 21, 1995. This information is current as of 10:30 a.m. (CST) on December 22, 1995.

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