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Docket No. 50-306

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson
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Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your review, prior to our scheduled meeting of February 25, 1985, is the SALP 5 Board Report for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, covering the period July 1, 1983 through November 30, 1984.

Overall, during the assessment period, your performance was found to be commendable. A high level of regulatory performance has been characteristic of the Prairie Island facility over the past several years, and a continuance of this level of performance is exemplified by the fact that seven functional areas remained a Category 1 from the previous rating period. A Category 2 rating was given in the areas of Plant Operations, Surveillance and Quality Programs. This represented a decline in performance in the Surveillance area. Quality Programs is a new functional area this period, and includes an assessment of quality assurance programs as well as overall effectiveness of performance as reflected in other functional areas.

While you have sufficient opportunity to present your comments at the meeting on February 25, we also solicit written comments within 30 days after the meeting to enable us to thoroughly evaluate your comments and provide you with our conclusions relative to them.

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 and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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No reply to this letter is required at this time; however, should you have any questions concerning the SALP report, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

"Original Signed by James G. Keppler"

James G. Keppler
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: SALP 5 Board Report
No. 50-282/85-01; 50-306/85-01

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