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Mr. E. Watzl
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SUBJECT: SYNOPSIS FROM AN INVESTIGATION PERFORMED BY THE NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATION - CASE NO. 3-96-003 (AMS NO. RIII-96-A-0012)

Dear Mr. Watzl:

Enclosed is a copy of the synopsis from an investigation performed by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) regarding alleged drug use by reactor operators and supervisors. Based on the evidence developed during the course of this investigation, OI concluded that none of the operators at your facility violated your Fitness-for-Duty program or conditions of their operators license related to drug or alcohol use. No response to this letter is required and we have no further questions regarding this matter.

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

We will gladly discuss any questions you may have relative to this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. A. Grobe (for)

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
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Enclosed is a copy of the synopsis from an investigation performed by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) regarding alleged drug use by reactor operators and supervisors. Based on the evidence developed during the course of this investigation, OI did not substantiate drug use by reactor operators and supervisors. No response to this letter is required and we have no further questions regarding this matter.

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SYNOPSIS

On January 31, 1996, an investigation was initiated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigation (OI), Region III (RIII) to determine if six reactor operators, licensed by NRC, at Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (Prairie Island), Red Wing, Minnesota, used illicit drugs within the last 18 to 24 months. A Northern States Power (NSP) corporate security source had alleged that these individuals had used drugs. The licensed individuals identified by the source as having used drugs included one reactor operator, four shift supervisors and one shift manager.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation and a review of evidence contained in the investigation report provided by the licensee, it was determined that none of the licensed operators had violated Prairie Island's Fitness-for-Duty (FFD) procedures or conditions of their NRC operator licenses related to drug and alcohol use.