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Mr. E. Watzl, Vice President
Nuclear Generation
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-282/306/72/96006
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Watzl:

On May 24, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

You should note that this inspection report represents an integrated product of a number of diverse inspections that were conducted during the inspection period. The summary contained in the report provides an overview of our assessment of your performance in the four functional areas (Operations, Maintenance, Engineering, and Plant Support) in which inspections were performed.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities at the Prairie Island facilities was generally characterized by proper operations and plant support activities and thorough maintenance and engineering efforts. We are concerned, however, about several self-identified examples of errors of omission by the corporate nuclear analysis department. These errors resulted in one non-cited violation and one cited violation with four examples.

These examples are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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

Sincerely,

M. J. Jordan, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 7

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Enclosures:

- 1. Inspection Report
No. 50-282/306/72/96006
- 2. Notice of Violation

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