

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Northern States Power Company
Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant

Docket Nos.: 50-282; 50-306
Licenses Nos.: DPR-42; DPR-60

During an NRC inspection conducted from July 31 to September 10, 1998, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification Section 6.5.C.1 requires, in part, that detailed written test procedures be prepared and followed for equipment required in the Technical Specifications. The shield building ventilation system (SBVS) is equipment required in Technical Specification Section 3.6.H.

Contrary to the above, on September 1, 1998, maintenance workers failed to follow the procedural requirements of Surveillance Procedure SP 1180.2, "12 Shield Building Ventilation Filter Removal Efficiency Test," Revision 8, Steps 7.5 and 8.6, when they did not gain access to both the upstream and downstream sides of a filter bank while changing a charcoal filter tray. Specifically, the maintenance workers did not open the upstream access door for 12 SBVS as required in Step 7.5 to allow post-maintenance testing of a reinstalled charcoal filter tray as described in Step 8.6.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I).

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence, and the date when full compliance was achieved is already adequately addressed on the docket in the enclosure to a letter from the NRC, Region III, Division of Reactor Projects, Chief, Reactor Projects Branch 7, to Mr. M. Wadley, Vice President, Nuclear Generation, Northern States Power Company dated December 22, 1997. The letter and its enclosure describe the procedure quality and adherence corrective actions presented to the NRC during management meetings held on May 20 and November 25, 1997. However, you are required to submit a written statement or explanation pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201 if the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to respond, clearly mark your response as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation," and send it to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice).

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response, with the basis for your denial, to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-001.

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If you choose to respond, your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). Therefore, to the extent possible, the response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

In accordance with 10 CFR 19.11, you may be required to post this Notice within 2 working days.

Dated this 9th day of October 1998