

OCT 12 1988

Docket No. 50-282
Docket No. 50-306

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson
Vice President, Nuclear
Generation
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Mr. J. A. Gavula of this office on September 21-22, 1988, of activities related to IEB 79-14 modifications and piping operability criteria at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, authorized by NRC Operating Licenses No. DPR-42 and No. DPR-60 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. Goldsmith at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice. A written response is required.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original signed by J. J. Harrison

J. J. Harrison, Chief
Engineering Branch

See Attached Enclosures
and Distribution

RIII
JAG
Gavula/jk
10/07/88

RIII
JAG
Burgess
10/11/88

RIII
DAN
Danielson
10/11/88

RIII
JAG
Harrison
10/12/88

8810170333 881012
PDR ADOCK 05000282
Q PDC

11
1501

OCT 12 1988

Enclosures

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Reports No.
50-282/88017(DRS) and
50-306/88017(DRS)
3. NSP Report dtd 9/26/88

Distribution

cc w/enclosures:

E. L. Watzl, Plant Manager
DCD/DCB (RIDS)
Licensing Fee Management Branch
Resident Inspector, RIII Prairie
Island
Resident Inspector, RIII Monticello
John W. Ferman, Ph.D.,
Nuclear Engineer, MPCA
State Liaison Officer, State
of Minnesota
D. Dilanni, NRR