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Additional Information Related to  
Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2.2

The purpose of this letter is to provide additional information related to our implementation of the requirements of Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2.2, "Vendor Interface," at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. This information was requested by Mr Dominic Di-Ianni, Sr Project Manager, Projects III-1, Office of NRR.

NPRDS and SEE-IN Procedure Enhancements

Northern States Power Company participates in the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) Nuclear Plant Reliability Data System (NPRDS) and SEE-IN program. We were also a participant in the INPO Nuclear Utility Task Action Committee which developed guidance for use by utilities in maintaining effective vendor interface programs. NPRDS and SEE-IN procedures were examined during an NRC inspection conducted on August 31, 1987 through September 24, 1987 at the Prairie Island plant. This inspection is documented in NRC Inspection Reports 50-282/87015(DRS) and 50-306/87014(DRS) dated October 9, 1987. No violations or deviations were identified. During this inspection procedure revisions to enhance the controls for NPRDS and SEE-IN participation were completed.

Vendor Assistance

Prairie Island has a program for interfacing with its Nuclear Steam Supply Steam system vendor (Westinghouse Electric Corporation). Westinghouse has a formal communication system for reporting all recognized safety problems or concerns and for communicating information on both special and generic concerns, problems, and recommendations to the plant. Safety concerns are

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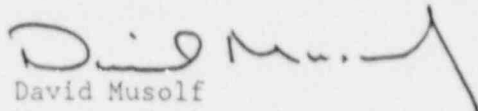
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reported through a system that complies with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 21. Other information is sent to the plant in the form of information bulletins.

Prairie Island does not have formal programs in place for interfacing with other vendors of safety-related equipment. Formal interface programs for these vendors would consume an inordinate amount of resources, require the voluntary cooperation of vendors (many of whom no longer actively solicit business from the nuclear industry), and would be no more effective than interfacing made in the normal process of operating a safe and reliable generating plant. Extensive informal contacts between the Prairie Island technical staff and vendors of safety-related components occur through telephone calls, meetings, vendor sponsored classes, and activities supported by utility groups and organizations.

We are committed to maintain an effective vendor interface program for the life of the plant. Procedures for conducting this program were verified to be in place during the NRC inspection identified above.

Please contact us if you have any further questions related to our vendor interface program.



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