

May 4, 1999

Mr. M. Wadley
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Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND INSPECTION REPORT 50-282/99002(DRP);
50-306/99002(DRP)

Dear Mr. Wadley:

On April 6, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection at your Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

No violations of NRC requirements were noted in the areas reviewed. The inspection period was characterized by generally good operations, conservative decision-making, and safe maintenance and surveillance testing activities which demonstrated good interdepartmental coordination and communication. During this 6-week inspection period, spent fuel Casks 08 and 09 were successfully loaded and Cask 08 was transported and placed in the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation.

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

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Roger Lanksbury, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 5

Docket Nos. 50-282, 50-306
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