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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF VENDOR INTERFACE AND PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS AT
NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANTS

The NRC has initiated a series of inspections at nuclear generating plants in the area of vendor interface and procurement programs (IVIPP) for the procurement of items for use in safety related applications. The inspection team reviews specific vendor-related technical issues, including 10 CFR Part 21 notifications received by the licensee, and the procurement of both safety-related and commercial grade items, either installed in the plant or stored in the warehouse.

One IVIPP was recently completed at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. I have enclosed a copy of the inspection report in order that you may have your staff review the report to glean areas inspected, types of problems found, and perform your own reviews as you deem necessary. Given the importance of assuring equipment reliability and recent problems encountered in the procurement area, we expect to be conducting similar inspections at other Region III facilities. If you require additional information regarding this issue, contact H. J. Miller, Director, Division of Reactor Safety, Region III, (312/790-5788).

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I believe that information such as this should be shared with licensees in order that problems which may exist at plants are identified and corrected as quickly as possible. As these inspections continue, I will forward additional reports if significant findings are identified.

Sincerely,

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for
A. Bert Davis
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: As stated

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