

November 15, 1999

Mr. Roger O. Anderson, Director  
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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 -  
CLOSEOUT OF GENERIC LETTER 97-06, "DEGRADATION OF STEAM  
GENERATOR INTERNALS" (TAC NOS. MA0937 AND MA0938)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

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By letter dated March 30, 1998, you responded to GL 97-06. The staff's review of your response to the GL did not identify any new concerns with the condition of the steam generator internals. The staff did not identify any concerns with the inspection practices employed at your facility to detect degradation of steam generator internals. The staff, therefore, concludes that your response to the GL provides reasonable assurance that the condition of your steam generator internals is in compliance with the current licensing bases for your facility.

The detailed technical basis that supports the staff's determination for all facilities will be published in a NUREG report. The expected publication date is December 1999. This completes the staff's effort on TAC Nos. MA0937 and MA0938.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:  
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