

November 30, 1999

Mr. M. Wadley
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414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-282/99015(DRS); 50-306/99015(DRS)

Dear Mr. Wadley:

On October 22, 1999, the NRC completed the pilot baseline annual inspection of Changes to the Safety Analysis Report and the biennial Permanent Plant Modifications inspection at your Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2. The results of this inspection were discussed on October 22, 1999, with Mr. T. Amundson and other members of your staff. A subsequent telephone re-exit was held on November 8, 1999, with Mr. G. Gore and other members of your staff to discuss changes to the original conclusions reached during the inspection. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to changes to the Updated Safety Analysis Report under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59 and changes to the facility via permanent plant modifications to verify compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selected examination of procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, NRC identified one issue which was categorized as being of low risk significance. The issue concerned inadequate corrective actions to resolve the hot short issue with two motor-operated valves, which was evaluated under the risk significance determination process and determined to be of low risk significance (Green), although regulatory requirements were violated. This issue has been entered into your corrective action program. Therefore, one non-cited violation was identified. This issue is listed in the summary of findings and is discussed in the report.

If you contest the non-cited violation, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001, with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region III and the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed by John M. Jacobson

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