

May 24, 2002

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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 -
BULLETIN 2002-01, "REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL HEAD DEGRADATION
AND REACTOR COOLANT PRESSURE BOUNDARY INTEGRITY," 15-DAY
RESPONSE (TAC NOS. MB4568 AND MB4569)

Dear Mr. Nazar:

On March 18, 2002, the staff issued Bulletin 2002-01, "Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Degradation and Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary Integrity," to the industry requesting that addressees provide information related to the structural integrity of the reactor coolant pressure boundary, including the reactor pressure vessel head, and the extent to which inspections have been undertaken to satisfy applicable regulatory requirements. Bulletin 2002-01 also required licensees to provide the basis for concluding that plans for future inspections of the reactor coolant pressure boundary will satisfy applicable regulatory requirements at their respective pressurized-water reactor plants. All addressees were requested to respond to Items 1.A. through E. within 15 days of the Bulletin's issuance, or to provide a written response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in accordance with the provisions of Title 10, Section 50.54(f), of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR 50.54(f)) if they are unable to provide the information or they can not meet the requested completion dates.

You provided your 15-day Bulletin response by letter dated April 3, 2002. The staff finds that you have provided the requested information, and has concluded that your plant does not appear to have conditions similar to those which may have led to degradation at Davis-Besse. However, the staff may issue questions to confirm or verify the information that was provided in your 15-day response to Bulletin 2002-01.

M. Nazar

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We will complete a full review of your response to Bulletin 2002-01 after we review your response to Items 2 and 3 of the Bulletin. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-1392.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Tae Kim, Senior Project Manager, Section 1
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