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PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

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Update to Response to Notice of Violation (Inspection Report 97008)

By letter dated November 14, 1997, NSP noted, "Ninety-five action items pertained to updating the USAR, with 70 items complete as of August 8, 1997. The September 1997 USAR submittal incorporated eleven more items for a total of 85% complete at this update. *Plans are to complete the remaining fourteen items over the interval before the USAR submittal of late 1998.*"

An updated review by NSP indicates there are currently 17 open action items pertaining to updating the USAR (Updated Safety Analysis Report), but six of these are expected to result in no change to the USAR. The remaining eleven USAR actions cannot be completed until some associated projects are complete. These projects include a revision to the Prairie Island high energy line break (HELB) analysis and the updated main steam line break (MSLB) methodology. Some of these projects require NRC approvals. ***Thus, plans are to complete the remaining eleven items upon the completion of: (1) the revised HELB analysis, (2) the boric acid reduction license amendment (which is contingent on approval of the new Main Steam Line Break methodology), and (3) Phase II of the USAR Review Project (reference our letter of September 24, 1999 for the Phase II schedule.)***

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In this letter we have made no new Nuclear Regulatory Commission commitments. However, we have changed the expected completion date of a commitment made previously. Please contact Jeff Kivi (651-388-1121) if you have any questions related to this letter.



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