

September 14, 2009

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SUBJECT: NRC ISFSI SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT 05000282/2009-406(DNMS);  
05000306/2009-406(DNMS) – PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING  
PLANT

Dear Mr. Schimmel:

On September 11, 2009, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security inspection of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP) Welch, Minnesota. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate whether the protection of the ISFSI was in compliance with the PINGP ISFSI Physical Security Plan (PSP), ISFSI security implementing procedures, and the NRC Order EA-02-104 transmitted as an enclosure to NRC letter dated October 16, 2002, "Issuance of Order for Interim Safeguards and Security Compensatory Measures (ICM) for Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant." In addition, the inspectors determined whether the use and storage of your instrument calibrator was conducted safely and in accordance with 10 CFR Part 20 requirements. At the conclusion of the on-site inspection on July 29, 2009, the inspectors discussed the inspection findings with members of your staff. Inspectors also conducted an in-office review of additional information pertaining to your compliance with the ICM Order. On September 11, 2009, the inspectors conducted a telephone exit with members of your staff to discuss the results of the in-office review.

Based on the results of this inspection, no findings of significance were identified.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you may have regarding this inspection.

Sincerely,

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