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**PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT**  
**Docket Nos. 50-282 License Nos. DPR-42**  
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**Supplement 7 to License Amendment Request Dated January 29, 1997**  
**Amendment of Cooling Water System Emergency Intake Design Bases**

This letter is submitted to supplement the subject license amendment request pursuant to discussions with the NRC Staff. As discussed in Supplement 5, operator response to a seismic event is guided by the plant earthquake procedure. Recently, changes have been made to this procedure to address the cooling water emergency intake line unreviewed safety question. Attachment 1 contains the approved, signed Prairie Island earthquake procedure, AB-3, Revision 12 which includes these recent changes. Based on our discussions, the NRC Staff recognizes that this procedure, like other plant procedures, may be revised in accordance with our internal procedure change process.

A revised Safety Evaluation, Significant Hazards Determination and Environmental Assessment have not been submitted since these evaluations, as originally presented in the January 29, 1997 submittal, continue to bound the proposed license amendment as supplemented.

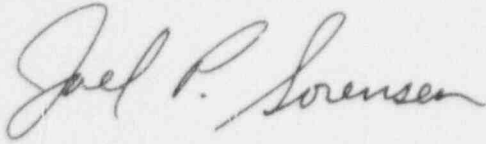
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If you have any questions related to this supplement to the subject license amendment request, please contact myself or Dale Vincent at 612-388-6758.



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Attachment 1: Procedure, AB-3, Earthquakes, Revision 12

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