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To: Honorable County Commissioners

From: Earl Merchlewitz, Goodhue County Emergency Management Director

Re: City of Red Wing and Goodhue County Radiological Emergency Response Plan for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP), 2025 Verification of Plan Approval/ Notice of Compliance with NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev.2

Date: November 20, 2025

Summary:

- A. Each year, the *City of Red Wing and Goodhue County Radiological Emergency Response Plan for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP)* requires review and approval by the following:
 - a. Mayor, City of Red Wing
 - b. President, Red Wing City Council
 - c. Chairman, Goodhue County Board of Commissioners
 - d. Emergency Management Director, City of Red Wing
 - e. Emergency Management Director, Goodhue County
- B. On August 21st, 2025, the *plan* was reviewed and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The plan complies with NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev.2.
- C. Since the August 2025 approval, there have been a few notable changes to the plan. They are as follows:
 - a. We have updated equipment that has changed for both the City of Red Wing and Goodhue County to reflect the current equipment inventory that could be used for a REP response.
 - b. We have updated contact information throughout the plan, as that changes regularly.
 - c. We have updated some of the plan that describes the EOC staffing and structure that has been updated to reflect current best practices.
- D. Copies of the *plan*, and related Standard Operating Procedures/Guidelines are maintained in the Goodhue County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Goodhue County Emergency

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- E. A copy of the required *Annual Letter of Certification/ Notice of Compliance with NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev.2*, as submitted to MN HSEM for state and federal compliance has been included.
- F. A copy of the August 25, 2025, letter from FEMA to HSEM indicating no significant changes have been made to Concept of Operations for the emergency response plans and/or procedures for Goodhue County (City of Red Wing) regarding response to nuclear power plant radiological emergencies, furthermore, stating that Goodhue County (City of Red Wing) complies with NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev.2 has also been included.
- G. Goodhue County (City of Red Wing) is in full compliance with state and federal law and regulation pertaining to Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) to include *NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev.2*
- H. **A copy of the *plan* has NOT been included. The *plan* contains "safeguarded" and sensitive security information and is considered "Confidential, Non-Public". A copy of the plan may be viewed at the EOC Director's Office upon request.**
- I. **The attached *Verification of Plan Approval*, Page 2 of 121 of the *plan*, has been included for signing by the *Chairman* of the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners.**
- J. Any additional information or questions may be addressed through the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management, Emergency Management Director Earl Merchlewitz at earl.merchlewitz@goodhuecountymn.gov or by phone at 651-267-2639.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Goodhue County Board approve the plan

- CC:
- 1. Emergency Management Director, City of Red Wing
 - 2. Mayor, City of Red Wing
 - 3. President, Red Wing City Council

Attachments:

- 1. Verification of Plan Approval-Page 2 of 121, *City of Red Wing and Goodhue County Radiological Emergency Response Plan for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP)*
- 2. Annual Letter of Certification/ Notice of Compliance with NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev.2.pdf
- 3. 2025 HSEM and FEMA Plan Review.pdf

CITY OF RED WING / GOODHUE COUNTY

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN FOR THE PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

CONFIDENTIAL
VERIFICATION OF PLAN APPROVAL

The City of Red Wing/Goodhue County Radiological Emergency Response Plan has been reviewed and approved by the City of Red Wing Mayor, The Red Wing City Council, the City of Red Wing Emergency Management Director, the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners, and the Goodhue County Emergency Management Director.

Mayor, City of Red Wing	Date
President, Red Wing City Council	Date
Chairman, Goodhue County Board of Commissioners	Date
Emergency Management Director, City of Red Wing	Date
Emergency Management Director, Goodhue County	Date



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November 20, 2025
Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM)
Patrick McLaughlin, REP Administrator
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Annual Letter of Certification/ Notice of Compliance with NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev.2

Dear Mr. McLaughlin,

Goodhue County has completed the following Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) activities for the calendar year 2025.

1. On August 25, 2025, the *City of Red Wing and Goodhue County Radiological Emergency Response Plan for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP)* was reviewed and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The plan complies with NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev.2.
2. The plan was reviewed and updated throughout 2025.
3. On August 21st, 2025, the *City of Red Wing and Goodhue County Radiological Emergency Response Plan for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP)* was reviewed by MN HSEM, XCEL Energy, Goodhue Emergency Management, and the City of Red Wing Emergency Management.
4. Copies of the *City of Red Wing and Goodhue County Radiological Emergency Response Plan for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP)*, related Standard Operating Procedures/Guidelines are maintained in the Goodhue County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Goodhue County Emergency Management Director's Office located at the Goodhue County Law Enforcement Center (LEC), 430 West 6th Street, Red Wing, MN 55066.
5. On September 27th, 2021, the Goodhue County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was reviewed and approved by HSEM. This plan supports REP and all-hazards preparedness in Goodhue County. This plan is under review with HSEM for the year 2025.
6. All required MN HSEM Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) training for Responders has been completed. This includes the *History and Overview of the REP Program*, *Emergency Classification Levels*, *Basics of Nuclear Power*, and *Basics of Radiation* online training modules.
7. REP equipment has been maintained in an operational state of readiness and is always available for response, and the inventory was last updated in October 2025.

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8. All REP activities and equipment information have been listed in WebEOC.
9. All alert and notification systems (sirens, IPAWS, Code Red, satellite phones, other phone tests, PIEPSEC) and procedures are tested and maintained in an operational state of readiness by the Goodhue County Emergency Services Division (ESD). Sirens are no longer being documented as part of the REP plan as of August 1st, 2025.
10. The Goodhue County Emergency Services Division (ESD) maintains several redundancy layers for remote and other siren activation and public notification methods in the event the primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) is compromised.
11. The county/city EOC will be adequately equipped and staffed 24/7 to respond to an event at PINGP if necessary.
12. The Goodhue County EMD attended NREP in Charlotte, NC, April 20th-23rd.
13. The Goodhue County EMD attended the Midwest/Region 5 REP conference in Blaine, MN October 22nd and 23rd.
14. During 2025, the Goodhue County EMD attended *Minnesota Radiological Emergency Preparedness Quarterly Meetings*.
15. During 2025, Goodhue County EMD attended all quarterly meetings held by Xcel.
16. On July 21st-24th, the Goodhue County Deputy Director attended MN-RERO training in Duluth.
17. During 2025, the Goodhue County EMD and City of Red Wing EMD attended the *2025 Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers (AMEM) Conference*, during which various trainings and conferences were participated in.
18. On October 21st, 2025, an Emergency Worker Decontamination (EWD) drill/exercise was conducted for the Red Wing Fire Department and HSEM.
19. On November 18TH, 2025, an Emergency Worker Decontamination (EWD) drill/exercise was conducted for the Cannon Falls Fire Department and HSEM.

This serves as the *Annual Letter of Certification* from Goodhue County and is being provided to the State of MN, HSEM, ensuring that the annual preparedness requirements of 44 CFR350 and NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev 2, have been met during the calendar year 2024.

Respectfully,



Earl Merchlewitz, Emergency Management Director
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August 25, 2025

Mr. Patrick McLaughlin
Emergency Preparedness Program Administrator
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
3925 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE
Blaine, Minnesota 55449

Dear Administrator McLaughlin:

The Regional Assistance Committee has completed the review of the Emergency Operations Plan for the State of Minnesota (dated July 2025). Also reviewed were the updated Emergency Response Plans for the Counties of Sherburne (dated October 2025), Goodhue (dated November 2024), Wright (dated July 2025) and Dakota (dated January 2025), which are site-specific to the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant and the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant.

We concur with the State's assessment that no significant changes have been made to the Concept of Operations for the State of Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan or the emergency response plans and procedures for Sherburne, Goodhue, Wright, and Dakota Counties regarding response to nuclear power plant radiological emergencies, and that the plans are in compliance with NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 2.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at 312-408-5389, or Edward Diaz at 312-408-5585.

Sincerely,

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S. P. O'Leary
Chair, Regional Assistance Committee

Attachments: 2025 Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan Review.pdf
2025 Dakota County Plan Review.pdf
2025 Goodhue County Plan Review.pdf
2025 Sherburne County Plan Review.pdf
2025 Wright County Plan Review.pdf