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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 16, 2026

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 January 28th, 2026, 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 January 2026 approval, there have been several updates to the plan. They are as follows:

   a. We have updated the plan's review and revision process. We revised the plan so that it will be reviewed by HSEM for FEMA approval; the plan will go to the County Board and City Council for approval when significant changes or major program requirement changes occur. The plan will be reviewed annually and updated by the City/County Emergency Management Director.
   b. We have updated contact information for general positions throughout the plan as staff within HSEM, Goodhue County, and the City of Red Wing have changed. We have confirmed that we have the correct person or contact information prior to making any changes.
   c. The other change is that the backup medical center for Radiological specialties was changed to Gunderson St. Elizabeth's in Wabasha, MN.

D. Copies of the *plan* and related Standard Operating Procedures/Guidelines are maintained in the Goodhue County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

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 January 2026 letter from FEMA to HSEM indicating no significant changes have been made to the 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. 2026 HSEM and FEMA Plan Review.pdf

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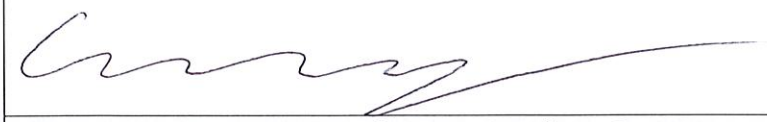
VERIFICATION OF PLAN APPROVAL

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**
	11-16-26
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November 17, 2026
Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM)
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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 2026.

1. On January 28, 2026, 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 2026.

3. On November 3rd, 2026, 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, and Goodhue 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)* and 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 November 3rd, 2026, the Goodhue County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was reviewed and approved by the Goodhue County Board. This plan supports REP and all-hazards preparedness in Goodhue County.

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 inventory was last updated in November 2026.

8. All REP activities and equipment information have been listed in WebEOC.

9. All alert and notification systems (IPAWS, Everbridge, 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). Documentation of these is maintained inside of the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and the EOC.

10. The Goodhue County Emergency Services Division (ESD) maintains several redundancy layers for remote 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. In June of 2026, Goodhue County Emergency Management and the City of Red Wing both participated in a REP drill, and the exercise was postponed until December of 2026. The December exercise will be FEMA-evaluated.

13. On July 28TH, 2026, an Emergency Worker Decontamination (EWD) Exercise was conducted for the Red Wing Fire Department. This was a FEMA-evaluated exercise with no findings.

14. During 2026, the Goodhue County Emergency Management Director attended and completed the FEMA Advanced Academy. The Goodhue County Emergency Management Deputy Director completed the FEMA Basic Academy.

15. During 2026, the Goodhue County EMD and City of Red Wing EMD attended *Minnesota Radiological Emergency Preparedness Quarterly Meetings.*

16. In July, the City of Red Wing EMD attended MN-RERO training in Duluth.

17. During 2026, the Goodhue County EMD and City of Red Wing EMD attended the *2026 Association Minnesota Emergency Managers (AMEM) Conference,* during which various trainings and conferences were attended.

18. On July 7TH, 2026, an Emergency Worker Decontamination (EWD) drill was conducted for the Red Wing Fire Department and HSEM.

19. On November 17TH, 2026, an Emergency Worker Decontamination (EWD) drill 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 2026.

Respectfully,

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January 28, 2026

Mr. Patrick McLaughlin
Emergency Preparedness Program Administrator
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
3925 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE
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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 2025), 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,

SEAN P O LEARY

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

Attachments: 2026 Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan Review.pdf
2026 Dakota County Plan Review.pdf
2026 Goodhue County Plan Review.pdf
2026 Sherburne County Plan Review.pdf
2026 Wright County Plan Review.pdf