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## ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD TO HOLD PREHEARING CONFERENCE ON PRAIRIE ISLAND SPENT FUEL STORAGE FACILITY LICENSE RENEWAL

An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will hold a “prehearing conference” Nov. 8 and 9 to hear arguments on the Prairie Island Indian Community’s standing and admissibility of their contentions challenging the license renewal application for the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. The plant, operated by Northern States Power Co., is located in Red Wing, Minn.

The conference will be held in the Devitt Courtroom of the Warren E. Burger Federal Building & United States Courthouse, 316 North Robert St., in St. Paul, Minn. Proceedings will begin at 9 a.m. each day and conclude no later than 5 p.m.

The Prairie Island Indian Community petitioned for a hearing, filing seven contentions challenging the Prairie Island ISFSI renewal application that Northern States Power Co. submitted on Oct. 20, 2011.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is a quasi-judicial panel of judges independent of the NRC staff that conducts adjudicatory hearings in major licensing actions by the NRC. At the prehearing conference, only attorneys representing the petitioner, the utility and the NRC staff will participate. Members of the public are welcome to view the proceeding.

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