

Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant November 2022

INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION

Introduction

This report provides data on radiation levels inside the Xcel Energy, Inc. Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP) for November 2022. The data contained in this report were gathered in accordance with agreements between Xcel Energy, Inc., and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

At the end of November 2022, 50 casks were storing spent fuel inside the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation. The last cask to be moved to the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation was placed on June 30, 2022.

Radiation Monitoring

MDH monitored radiation levels around the ISFSI from January 1995 to July 2015 using Pressurized Ionization Chambers (PICs). The PICs were located on the north and south end of the ISFSI. The PICs were replaced with new monitors that use a dual Geiger-Mueller (GM) tube system (a high range and low range GM tube). The new monitors are located in the same locations as the PICs. The new monitors were connected on September 30, 2015 and began logging data on October 20, 2015. The monitors average radiation level data over a 15-minute period and report that average value. This report contains the daily high and low of those readings as well as the average of those readings for each monitor.

Analysis and Comments

Monitor 1 readings ranged from 0.139 mR/hr to 0.187 mR/hr. Monitor 2 readings ranged from 0.129 mR/hr to 0.171 mR/hr. Monitor 2 lost contact on Nov 12, 2022, sometime after 2:00 am. Contact was reestablished and resumed logging data on Nov 12, 2022, sometime before 4:30 am. Monitor 2 lost contact on Nov 29, 2022, sometime after 8:31 am. Contact was reestablished and resumed logging data on Nov 29, 2022, sometime before 8:46 am.

Additional monitoring data on radioactivity levels in other media (air, for example) are available in the annual Minnesota Department of Health "Environmental Radiation Data Report."

For more information, go to: [Environmental Monitoring](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/radiation/monitor/index.html)
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Table 1: November 2022 Data Report for Monitor 1

Date	Maximum Reading (mR/hr)	Minimum Reading (mR/hr)	Average Reading (mR/hr)
11/1/22	0.180	0.144	0.155
11/2/22	0.181	0.143	0.154
11/3/22	0.175	0.141	0.151
11/4/22	0.165	0.142	0.152
11/5/22	0.162	0.144	0.152
11/6/22	0.168	0.144	0.152
11/7/22	0.161	0.139	0.150
11/8/22	0.160	0.144	0.151
11/9/22	0.168	0.143	0.151
11/10/22	0.166	0.144	0.152
11/11/22	0.165	0.143	0.151
11/12/22	0.164	0.144	0.151
11/13/22	0.166	0.141	0.151
11/14/22	0.164	0.143	0.153
11/15/22	0.169	0.142	0.153
11/16/22	0.163	0.144	0.152
11/17/22	0.170	0.145	0.153
11/18/22	0.169	0.144	0.153
11/19/22	0.187	0.145	0.154
11/20/22	0.171	0.147	0.155
11/21/22	0.165	0.144	0.154
11/22/22	0.168	0.146	0.154
11/23/22	0.170	0.143	0.153
11/24/22	0.167	0.143	0.152
11/25/22	0.167	0.142	0.153
11/26/22	0.171	0.144	0.153
11/27/22	0.160	0.143	0.151
11/28/22	0.170	0.145	0.152
11/29/22	0.176	0.143	0.156
11/30/22	0.185	0.145	0.156

Table 2: November 2022 Data Report for Monitor 2

Date	Maximum Reading (mR/hr)	Minimum Reading (mR/hr)	Average Reading (mR/hr)
11/1/22	0.158	0.138	0.146
11/2/22	0.159	0.138	0.146
11/3/22	0.157	0.139	0.146
11/4/22	0.153	0.140	0.146
11/5/22	0.154	0.137	0.146
11/6/22	0.157	0.129	0.146
11/7/22	0.160	0.137	0.144
11/8/22	0.152	0.136	0.145
11/9/22	0.160	0.140	0.147
11/10/22	0.157	0.137	0.147
11/11/22	0.154	0.138	0.145
11/12/22	0.171	0.000	0.139
11/13/22	0.154	0.136	0.144
11/14/22	0.158	0.138	0.145
11/15/22	0.153	0.140	0.146
11/16/22	0.157	0.137	0.146
11/17/22	0.157	0.138	0.147
11/18/22	0.156	0.139	0.146
11/19/22	0.157	0.137	0.146
11/20/22	0.154	0.136	0.145
11/21/22	0.158	0.139	0.146
11/22/22	0.153	0.139	0.146
11/23/22	0.163	0.139	0.147
11/24/22	0.156	0.137	0.146
11/25/22	0.157	0.138	0.146
11/26/22	0.156	0.138	0.146
11/27/22	0.159	0.137	0.145
11/28/22	0.157	0.134	0.145
11/29/22	0.161	0.140	0.149
11/30/22	0.154	0.139	0.147