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The alert status at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant has been terminated. Officials say cleanup and inspections of the plant are completed and approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has transitioned back to the 24 hour duty officer system with the Wisconsin Emergency Management Senior Duty Officer and the Duty Officer continuing to monitor the situation.

Earlier today, the alert was issued in response to a leak of sodium hypochlorite which is used to cool water. There was no radioactive release and there was no danger to the public. No plant workers were injured.

As a precaution, the State EOC and the Pierce County Emergency Operations Centers were open and monitored the situation. Wisconsin also coordinated with the State of Minnesota. The alert is the second lowest level of a four-level federal classification system for nuclear generating plant emergencies.

The Prairie Island plant is operated by Xcel Energy and is located near Red Wing, Minnesota.