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FROM: Northern States Power Company Minneapolis, Minn. 55401 L. O. Mayer		DATE OF DOC: 3-12-73	DATE REC'D 3-16-73	LTR X	MEMO	RPT	OTHER
TO: Mr. Giambusso		ORIG 1 signed	CC	OTHER	SENT AEC PDR X		
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DESCRIPTION:
Ltr reporting an incident on 3-3-73, regarding the premature opening of the torus manway.....

ENCLOSURES:

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PLANT NAMES: Monticello

FOR ACTION/INFORMATION

3-16-73

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WOODWARD/H ST.	NEWMARK/BLUME/AGABIAN	RM C-427, GT)
✓ 16-CYS ACRS XXXXXX SENT TO LIC ASST.	1- GERLAD ULRIKSON....ORNL	1- RD...MULLER...F-309GT
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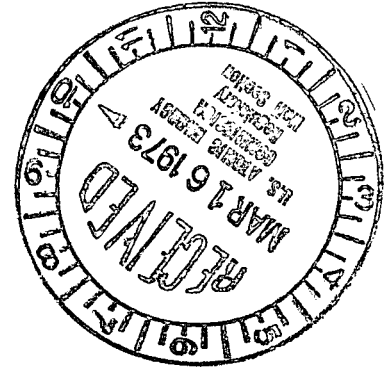
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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

March 12, 1973

Mr. A Giambusso
Deputy Director for Reactor Projects
United States Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D C 20545



Dear Mr. Giambusso:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22
Violation of Primary Containment

A condition occurred at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant which we are reporting to your office in accordance with Section 6.6.A.3 of the Technical Specifications of Provisional Operating License DPR-22.

On March 3, 1973, the Monticello plant was shutdown to begin a scheduled refueling outage. During the cooldown of the reactor, a torus manway was opened at a time when the reactor temperature was approximately 240° F. This action was in violation of the specification which requires primary containment integrity above a reactor temperature of 212° F. When the error was discovered, the manway was immediately replaced. It is estimated that the manway was open for about eight minutes.

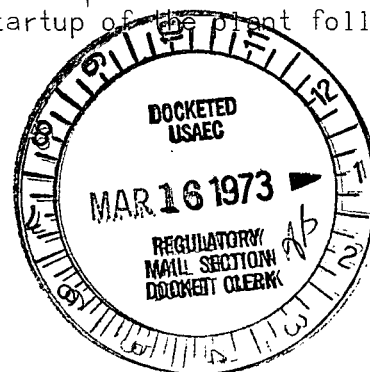
The premature opening of the manway resulted when a maintenance crew was dispatched to perform the job without receiving approval from the duty Shift Supervisor. To prevent future occurrences of this nature, the torus manway covers and other primary containment hatches will be clearly marked with a warning that the primary containment cannot be opened without the written permission of the Shift Supervisor. The markings will be applied prior to the startup of the plant following the refueling outage.

Yours very truly,

L. O. Mayer

L O Mayer, PE
Director of Nuclear Support Services

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