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Northern States Power Company  
ATTN: Mr. Leo Wachter  
Vice President  
Power Production and  
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414 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

Docket No. 50-263

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated March 3, 1975, informing us of the steps you have taken to correct the items of noncompliance which we brought to your attention in our letter dated February 12, 1975. We will examine these matters during a subsequent inspection.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Gaston Fiorelli, Chief  
Reactor Operations Branch

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March 3, 1975

Mr. J. G. Keppler  
Director - Region III  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
799 Roosevelt Road  
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Attention: Mr. Gaston Fiorelli, Chief  
Reactor Operations Branch

Dear Mr. Keppler:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT  
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

This letter is submitted in response to the infraction identified under Enforcement Action in the Summary of Findings section of IE Inspection Report No. 050-263/75-01. A copy of the infraction item is attached.

The "A" Loop Residual Heat Removal Heat Exchanger was inspected for leaks during the recent refueling outage. The maintenance work was performed under the control of a Work Request Authorization and repair was guided by hand-written instructions. Since the maintenance work was being performed on plant equipment that could have an effect on nuclear safety, the need for corrective maintenance procedures should have been considered in accordance with the requirements of plant Administrative Control Directives 4 ACD-5.2, Mechanical and Electrical Maintenance Procedures, and 4 ACD-3.11, Procedure Review and Approval. These ACDs have been prepared to establish guidelines and requirements to govern plant activities, particularly activities relating to nuclear safety and/or those required by the Technical Specifications.

In direct response to the infraction identified in Inspection Report No. 050-263/75-01, an Operational Control Document has been drafted to control the performance of maintenance on RHR heat exchangers and a procedure has been drafted for the performance of the maintenance work.

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These procedures will be reviewed and produced in final approved form prior to the performance of similar maintenance on an RHR heat exchanger in the future. Additionally, the infraction has been discussed with the Superintendent of Operations and Maintenance and the Maintenance Supervisor.

Yours very truly,



L. J. Wachter  
Vice President - Power Production  
and System Operation

cc: Mr. A. Giambusso  
Mr. G. Charnoff  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
Attention: Mr. E. A. Pryzina

Enclosure

Infraction (IE Inspection Report No. 050-263/75-01, February 12, 1975)

Technical Specification 6.5.C states that detailed written procedures, including the applicable check-off and instructions, shall be prepared and followed for preventive or corrective maintenance of plant equipment and systems that could have an effect on nuclear safety.

Contrary to the above, detailed written procedures had not been prepared for the inspection and repair of the "A" Loop Residual Heat Removal Heat Exchanger in progress on January 17, 1975.

This infraction was identified by the inspector and had the potential for causing or contributing to an occurrence with safety significance.