



NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

February 13, 1980

Mr. James G. Keppler
Director - Region III
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
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Dear Mr. Keppler:

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

On January 7, 1980, Mr. Isa Yin of the Region III Office of Inspection and Enforcement inspected activities associated with IE Bulletin 79-14. During the inspection, Mr. Yin was informed of the intent to perform a systematic review of Seismic Class I piping and supports at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. Mr. Yin requested that details of the review program be submitted to him by February 15, 1980. This submittal is in response to his request.

The review program will be conducted in two phases. The first phase will consist of preparing program procedures and specifications for Seismic Class I piping and supports. The basis for these procedures and specifications will be current engineering practice with consideration given to current regulatory positions concerning seismic evaluation. The second phase will consist of surveys and evaluations of Seismic Class I piping and supports applying methods developed in the first phase. Any modifications deemed appropriate to increase design margins will be accomplished during the second phase consistent with the plant operating schedule.

It is planned to begin the first phase in March, 1980 with completion by September, 1980. Phase 2 will be accomplished in four stages. Each stage will include one of four piping groups. A selective process will be used to assign systems to each of the four piping groups (i.e., systems selected for the first group will be those which are believed to have the smallest design margins when compared to current practice). Completion of phase 2 reviews for the first piping group is planned for June 1981. The

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schedule for completing phase 2 for the remaining piping groups has not been established. It is intended that the phase 2 schedule for these groups be consistent with the potential for modifications based upon the review of the first piping group. Your office will be advised when the schedule is established.

NUTECH has been selected to provide engineering support services.

Yours very truly,



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