

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

August 29, 2019

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE

PNO-III-19-003

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. Some of the information may not yet be fully verified or evaluated by the Region III staff.

Facility

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Northern States Power Company
Monticello, MN
Docket: 05000263

Licensee Emergency Classification

☐ Notification of Unusual Event
☐ Alert
☐ Site Area Emergency
☐ General Emergency
☒ Not Applicable

Subject: Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Expiration of Security Supervisor
Union Contract

DESCRIPTION: The current Union contract between the security provider at Monticello Regulated Secure Solutions (G4S) and the Monticello security supervisors is about to expire. Negotiations are currently ongoing.

The NRC does not take part in the negotiations and is independent of any federal mediator involved in the negotiations between the company and represented employees. The NRC's sole focus is on ensuring the safety and security of the nation's commercial nuclear facilities. To that end, the NRC has been closely following the events leading up to the current situation.

The licensee has taken action to ensure the continued security of the facility, by using an augmented security supervisor staff from other nuclear facilities. All required security supervisor positions will be filled. NRC security inspectors have been on-site assessing the licensee's preparations and the training of the augmented security force and will continue to monitor the utility's actions to ensure that augmented personnel are qualified and capable of protecting the plant against any security contingency.

The NRC will continue to assess the licensee's handling of the situation until it is resolved.

The information presented herein has been discussed with the license and is current as of 9:30 a.m., August 29, 2019.

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