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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

February 17, 1972

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Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Regional Director,
Region III Compliance Office
United States Atomic Energy Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Grier:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

In your letter of February 9, 1972, you identified certain items which appeared to be in noncompliance with AEC requirements. A copy of these items is attached for reference. You requested that we provide, in writing, within 20 days, our comments concerning the items, any steps that have been or will be taken to prevent a recurrence, and the date all corrective actions or preventative measures were or will be completed. The following information is hereby submitted in response to your request.

The following steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence:

1. The procedural errors have been discussed with the individuals involved.
2. A master surveillance schedule has been established to assure that each tank is sampled every 72 hours, unless it is empty, and the discharge canal is sampled on a monthly basis.
3. A preprinted surveillance form is filled out, by the technician completing the work, and forwarded to the Plant Chemist for review. After proper review, the Chemist forwards the surveillance sheet to the Radiation Protection Engineer for review and filing in the plant surveillance file.

The new surveillance procedures were established on January 10, 1972.

Our corrective measures were discussed with a representative from Region III Compliance, during a site visit, on February 2, 1972.

Yours very truly,

L. J. Wachter

L. J. Wachter, Vice President
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Certain activities under your license appear to be in noncompliance with AEC license requirements as indicated below:

- A. Section 4.8, paragraph D, of the facility Technical Specifications states, "A sample from each of the Waste Sample, Floor Drain, Condensate Storage, and Waste Surge Tanks shall be taken, analyzed and recorded every 72 hours. If no additions to one of the above tanks has occurred since the last sample, that tank need not be sampled until the next addition."

Contrary to the above requirement, no samples were taken of the following tanks, as indicated, even though records show additions had been made to the tanks during the period.

Waste Sample Tank "B"	September 14-20, 1971 September 29 - October 5, 1971 November 2-5, 1971
Waste Sample Tank "A"	September 16-20, 1971 December 8-12, 1971
Floor Drain Sample Tank	November 25 - December 15, 1971
Waste Surge Tank	September 2 - December 15, 1971

- B. Section 4.8, paragraph C.2.d of the facility Technical Specifications states, "Grab samples will be taken from the discharge canal monthly and analyzed for tritium and significant isotopes."

Contrary to the above requirement, no analyses of canal samples for tritium were made for the months of August and September 1971.