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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401

December 30, 1975

Mr. Gaston Fiorelli, Chief
Reactor Operations Branch
Region III
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Fiorelli:

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

Your letter of December 8, 1975, identified one item which appeared to be an infraction of NRC requirements and requested that we reply to the infraction within 20 days of the receipt of your letter. The infraction, as stated, was:

Contrary to Technical Specification 6.5, a corrective maintenance procedure, NPT-US-1, Nuclear Penetrant Testing Procedure, was used without Operations Committee review and approval by a member of plant management designated by the plant manager.

Non-Destructive Testing Procedures, In-Service Inspection Procedures, and Welding Procedures are normally provided to the plant in approved form by the responsible NSP General Office departments. Departmental approval of the procedures is considered appropriate since, in some cases, plant personnel may not possess expertise in the subjects of the special process procedures. Also, it was not fully recognized that these procedures, including the referenced Nuclear Penetrant Testing Procedure, are to be included as part of the review requirements of Technical Specification 6.5.

Administrative measures will be established by General Office and plant personnel to assure that the special process procedures will be reviewed by the Operations Committee and approved by a member of plant management designated by the Plant Manager.

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Should you have any questions concerning our actions, please communicate directly with the plant management.

Yours very truly,



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Vice President - Power Production
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cc: Mr. R. S. Boyd
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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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