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MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
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Supplemental Information Concerning NSP's
April 5, 1994 ASME Section XI Pressure Test Relief Request

- References: (1) NSP to NRC Letter dated April 5, 1994, titled "Request for Relief from ASME Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI, Section IWA-4400 Pressure Testing Requirements"
- (2) NRC to NSP Letter dated June 27, 1994, titled "Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant - Request for Relief from ASME Boiler and Pressure Code Section XI, Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary Post Repair Hydrostatic Test (TAC M89501)"

The purpose of this letter is to provide the NRC with supplemental information concerning the Monticello main steam isolation valve project post repair hydrostatic test relief request submitted via Reference (1). The NRC's approval of the relief request and the accompanying NRC Safety Evaluation report were issued as Reference (2).

In Reference (1), we indicated that several non-destructive examination methods, including liquid penetrant (LP) inspection, would be used to verify the acceptability of the finished repair welds. This information was credited by the Staff in Reference (2). Since that time, we have determined that it would be preferable to utilize the magnetic particle (MT) inspection technique in lieu of LP inspection for the surface examination of the subject welds, since the MT can be accomplished more quickly and easily in this instance. The two methods are considered equally effective in this application, thus the change will have no impact on the quality or integrity of the finished repair. With the exception of the substitution of MT for LP, all other non-destructive examination of the welds will be performed as described in Reference (1).

The above change was previously discussed with the Monticello NRR Project Manager (Betn Wetzel). This letter serves to formally provide the NRC Staff with updated information concerning our plans and no specific reply is necessary.

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This letter Modifies commitment 2 of our April 5, 1994 submittal in that MT inspection will be performed in lieu of LP. Please contact Terry Coss, Sr Licensing Engineer, at (612) 295-1449 if you require additional information.

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