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Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
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February 6, 1984

Mr. James G. Keppler, Director
Region III, Office of Inspection & 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

The following is submitted in response to IE Bulletin 84-01:

1. IE Bulletin 84-01 (Cracks in Boiling Water Reactor Mark I Containment Vent Headers) was issued for action to all BWR plants having a type Mark I Containment who were currently in cold shutdown. The action required was to visually inspect for cracks in the entire vent header and in the main vents in the region near the intersection with the vent header, and as practicable to include the entire surfaces of these components.
2. This inspection at the Monticello Nuclear Plant was conducted by certified plant staff welding inspectors, using flashlights for the internal examinations and flashlights and quartz high intensity lamps for the external surface examinations.

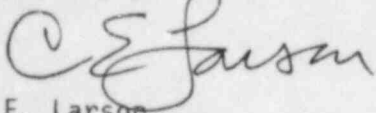
All accessible surfaces and welds of the exterior (approximately 2/3 of the circumference) were examined from the catwalk and on top the Vent Header and vent line assemblies (main vents) with particular concentration of effort in Bay 13 where the nitrogen penetration from the vaporizer enters the torus and at the intersections of the eight (8) vent header and vent line assemblies. The remainder of the external surface area and welds were inaccessible due to the normal water level in the torus. One hundred percent of the welds and surfaces for the vent header were examined internally including each vent line assembly (main vent) up to the missile barrier inside the bottom of the drywell.

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3. No cracks or crack indications were noted in any weld or surface on the Monticello vent header.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. E. Larson".

C. E. Larson
Director, Nuclear Generation

cc: C. H. Brown, Monticello NRC Resident Inspector
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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

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RESPONSE TO I.E. BULLETIN NO. 84-01

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, hereby submits the response to I.E. Bulletin No. 84-01 for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant.

This letter contains no restricted or other defense information.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

By C. E. Larson
C. E. Larson
Director, Nuclear Generation

On this 6th day of February, 1984, before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared C. E. Larson, Director, Nuclear Generation, and being first duly sworn acknowledged that he is authorized to execute this document on behalf of Northern States Power Company, that he knows the contents thereof and that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the statements made in it are true and that it is not interposed for delay.

Betty J. Dean

