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## NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

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Mr Donald J Skovholt  
Assistant Director  
for Operating Reactors  
Directorate of Licensing  
U S Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, DC 20545



Dear Mr Skovholt:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT E-5979  
AEC Operating License - Reporting

Our letter of April 21, 1971 conveyed several reports in response to the ACRS letter of June 15, 1970. Our commitment to supply these responses was outlined in Mr A V Dienhart's letter of July 30, 1970.

The ACRS letter also mentioned the need to gain assurance that the biological shield surrounding the reactor vessel can withstand the pressure that could be developed by a loss of integrity of a safe-end or nozzle, or that failure of the shield would have no intolerable consequences. Accordingly, we are enclosing 40 copies of a report on this subject by General Electric Company dated March 21, 1972.

Yours very truly,

*E C Ward*

E C Ward, Director  
Engineering Vice Presidential Staff

Cc: G Charnoff  
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