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U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WASHINGTON

I REQUEST THAT YOU EXPEDITE ACTION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO BE PREPARED BY THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA STATE'S POWER COMPANY'S MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY PRODUCTION ARE OF SERIOUS CONCERN TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF RADIOACTIVE DISCHARGES BY THE MONTICELLO PLANT INTO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. IN ADDITION TO THE UNKNOWN EFFECTS OF THESE DISCHARGES HOWEVER, I AM DEEPLY TROUBLED BY INADEQUATE TESTING OF THE EMERGENCY CORE COOLING SYSTEM AND THE ULTIMATE QUESTION OF PLANT SAFETY.

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IN LIGHT OF THE URGENCY OF THESE MATTERS, THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION
CONTROL AGENCY HAS ASKED THAT THE AEC PRODUCE THE MONTICELLO
IMPACT STATEMENT BY MARCH OR APRIL OF THIS YEAR. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING
THAT THE AEC HAS SAID THE STATEMENT WOULD NOT BE READY UNTIL
AUGUST 1972.

I BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE AEC EXPEDITE THE STATEMENT
TO BE INITIALLY REASONABLE AND CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS
OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT. I URGE THAT YOU DO
WHATEVER MAY BE NECESSARY TO SEE THAT THIS IMPORTANT GOAL IS
MET.

WALTER F. KOVACH, US SENATOR.

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