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Mr. James G. Keppler  
Director - Region III  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
799 Roosevelt Road  
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Keppler:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT  
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT  
Docket No. 50-282 License No. DPR-42  
Docket No. 50-306 License No. DPR-60

NSP received letters for the Monticello and Prairie Island dockets, dated March 15, 1977, from Mr. D. L. Ziemann of Operating Reactors Branch #2, Division of Operating Reactors, which transmitted six criteria for "individuals qualified in radiation protection procedures." The letter further stated that the I&E inspector assigned to our facility will be using the same criteria in determining whether the designated individuals on operating shifts meet these requirements. The plants have reviewed the criteria and have determined that the designated individuals on each operating shift are qualified in radiation protection procedures as described in the first five criteria.

The requirement that "an individual qualified in radiation protection shall be on site at all times that there is fuel on site" was included in an Administrative Controls Technical Specification revision for the Monticello Plant in April, 1973, and was contained in the original Technical Specifications for the Prairie Island Plant in August, 1973. During the discussions with the Regulatory Staff on proposed revisions to the Administrative Controls section of the Technical Specifications in 1972 and 1973, it was explained to us that this requirement was to provide interim radiation protection coverage during unexpected situations on backshifts or weekends until the arrival of Radiation Protection Specialists.

We agree that the actions related to criteria 1-5 are those that might have to be provided by the operating shift on an interim basis until the arrival of radiation protection personnel. The sixth criteria requires

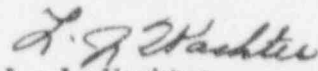
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that the designated individual be qualified to "conduct other routine radiological duties (e.g., TS surveillance items) as may be required on backshifts or weekends." We have found that there is no need to schedule the performance of "routine radiological duties" on backshifts or weekends. There is no basis, therefore, that shift operating personnel be trained or certified for "routine radiological duties" as described in the sixth criteria. If Technical Specification surveillance items arise unexpectedly on a backshift or weekend, such as a startup chemistry or off-gas samples, Radiation Protection Specialists are called in to conduct such activities.

Yours very truly,



L. J. Wachter  
Vice President - Power Production  
and System Operation

cc: Mr. D. L. Ziemann  
Mr. G. Charnoff  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
Attention: Mr. J. W. Ferman

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 Advising designated individuals on each operating shift are qualified in radiation protection procedures as described in the first five criteria, and no basis, therefore that shift operating personnel be trained or certified for routine radiological duties as described in the sixth criteria. . . .

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