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Identification of Generic Issue

By License Amendment Request dated January 26, 1976, Northern States Power Company (NSP) has identified, for their Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, an issue which will apply to all Boiling Water Reactors. According to NSP, the weekly exercising of control rod drives results in detrimental effects (fuel damage and increased offgas releases) which could outweigh the advantages (identification of inoperable rods). The licensee has therefore requested that a monthly exercise period be instituted to replace the weekly requirement. NSP has addressed the CRD collet housing cracking problem in its submittal and believes that inspection and determination of cracking prior to crack propagation provides the real key to this facet of the problem.

A Request for Technical Assistance on this issue has been transmitted to Operational Technology.

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