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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST NO. ORB-2-208

Plant Name: Monticello  
Docket Number: 50-263  
Branch Code: ORB-2  
Project Manager: E. P. Snaider  
Operational Technology Branch: Engineering Branch  
Requested Completion Date: February 22, 1976

Description of Request: The Northern States Power Company (NSP), while inspecting the four reactor vessel feedwater nozzles at the Monticello facility, discovered nozzle cladding defects, some of which extended into the base metal.

Subsequent discussions between NSP, Inspection and Enforcement Office and Technical Review (TEB & MTB) indicated that the repair procedure of grinding out the cracks was acceptable; however, we requested NSP to provide additional information. NSP has submitted the requested additional information in its letter of December 31, 1975, attached as Enclosure 1. It is requested that you review the NSP submittal for acceptability. This matter is currently being reviewed on a generic basis by members of Technical Review who have recently been transferred to the Operational Technology Engineering Branch.

Additional information concerning the initial discovery of the problem is attached as Enclosure 2.

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Enclosures:

1. NSP ltr. dtd. 12/31/75
2. Additional information  
and NSP's intended  
repairs

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