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MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT - NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY  
COMMENTS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

This is in response to your memorandum on the above subject dated July 18 1972. During a telecon with A. Ward L. Meyer and J. Bechtel on July 20 1971 these Northern States Power Company (NSPCo) representatives stated that:

1. NSPCo has submitted written comments, dated July 3 1972 in response to the AEC Draft Environmental Impact Statement published in June noting that I-131 releases are unrealistically high and that the AEC calculational method is not consistent with the method employed in Pilgrim Millstone and other BWRs.
2. The turbine building exhaust from the lower turbine and condenser space is released through the reactor building vent stack which is monitored for radioactivity.
3. During 8 months of the year when the twelve roof vents are normally closed ventilation in the turbine building exhausts to the lower turbine and condenser room and out through the monitored reactor building vent stack.
4. Turbine building ventilation exhausts through the 12 turbine building roof vents for about 4 months of the year. With the exception of turbine steam reheaters on the turbine floor, there are no sources of radioactivity during normal operation or anticipated transients. Nevertheless, there are radiation alarms in the turbine building.

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5. The exhaust from the recombiner building ventilation system is used as diluent at the main gas effluent stack and, therefore, is measured with the radioactivity from the air ejector exhaust by the stack radiation monitor.

Please advise if we can be of further assistance.

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