

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION - NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE

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Facility: Monticello

Subject: CRACKED FUEL PINS IN SPENT FUEL ASSEMBLIES

Northern States Power Company reported that they were performing an inspection of 10 spent 7 x 7 fuel assemblies which had been previously identified as fuel leakers. The examinations were visual using a TV camera. Preliminary results indicate longitudinal cracks in the clad. The cracks vary in length from 1 inch to 3 feet long with a maximum width of approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Approximately 30 of 40 corner fuel pins (Low enrichment fuel 1.13%) indicate this condition.

The licensee is continuing examination of the 10 fuel bundles and plans to review the results with General Electric.

IE:III has scheduled an inspection for July 8 to review the licensee's results to date and visually examine the defective fuel.

Region III received notification of this occurrence by telephone from C. Larson Plant Mgr. at 11:30, 6/30/75.

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