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Docket No. 50-263

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by J. P. Patterson and others of this office on October 8-11, 1985 of activities at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-22 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. W. Shamla and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

Within the course of this inspection, no violations with NRC requirements were identified. However, one weakness was identified which will need corrective action by your staff. This weakness is summarized in the appendix to this letter. As required by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E (IV.F), any weaknesses that are identified must be corrected. Accordingly, please advise us within 45 days of the date of this letter of the corrective action you have taken or plan to take, showing the estimated date of completion with regard to this exercise weakness.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely

"Original signed by W.D. Shafer"

W. D. Shafer, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix, Exercise Weakness
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-262/85009(DRSS)

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Appendix

Exercise Weakness

Proper use of protective clothing, i.e., anti-contamination clothing, was not demonstrated by one of two emergency workers dispatched from the Access Control Point of the Operational Support Center during the exercise. This worker not only potentially contaminated his face several times with his gloved hand, but also struck his co-worker with the outer top of his outer layer of protective clothing which was simulated to be highly contaminated. Open Item No. 263/85009-01. (Section 5.c)