

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Northern States Power Company
Monticello Station

Docket No. 50-263
License No. DPR-22

During an NRC inspection conducted on April 12 through May 27, 1997, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600 (60 FR 34381; June 30, 1995), the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification (TS) Section 6.5, "Plant Operating Procedures," required that detailed written procedures covering plant operations areas be prepared and followed.

TS Section 6.5.A.3 required written procedures covering actions to be taken to correct specific and foreseen potential malfunction of systems or components, including follow-up actions required after plant protective system actions have initiated.

Administrative procedure 4 AWI-04.01.01, General Plant Operating Activities, Revision 17, step 4.3.4.A required that all on-duty operators and the shift supervisor be aware of the plant status at all times.

Contrary to the above, on April 10, 1997, the inspectors identified that operations personnel did not know that the #13 Emergency Service Water pump had been operating for two days following an April 8, 1997, loss of power to the #15 4160 Volt (V) bus.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Northern States Power Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order may be issued to show cause why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please

provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois
this 18th day of June 1997