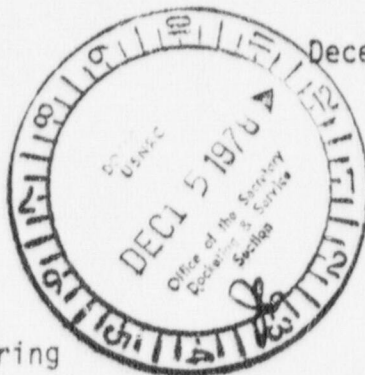




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Dear Ms. Gardebring:

This is in response to your letter of November 9, 1978, addressed to Mr. Olan Parr, expressing concern regarding fuel rack swelling at the Monticello Plant, and requesting an opportunity to review the General Electric Topical Report NEDO-24076 on the General Electric High Density Fuel Storage System.

We share your concern regarding fuel rack swelling and the acceptability of pressure relief holes (venting) in the racks as a long term solution to the swelling problem. While we have determined that venting of the Monticello racks is a safe and effective measure for the present, we have not yet determined whether the measure affords adequate assurance against rack swelling for the expected life of the racks. This is a consideration that is being evaluated in our continuing review of the GE Topical Report, NEDO-24076.

As you requested, we are sending you a copy of the GE Topical Report NEDO-24076 and we have placed you on distribution to receive our safety evaluation when it is issued. We appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

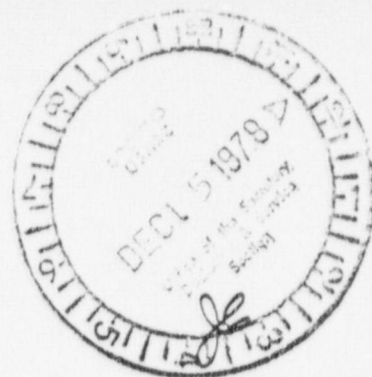
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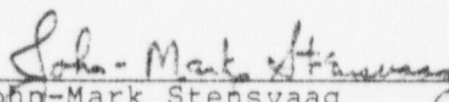
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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY	)	
	)	Violation of Provisional
Monticello Nuclear Generating	)	Operating License No. DPR-22
Plant, Unit 1	)	(Modification and Installation
		of Defective Spent Fuel
		Storage Racks)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the "Exhibit 2 to Request and Motion for Order Prohibiting the Installation of Defective Spent Fuel Storage Racks in Violation of Provisional Operating License, Request to Institute a Proceeding, and Petition for Leave to Intervene" was served, according to the attached Service List, by deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, this 13th day of December, 1978.

  
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