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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO INSPECTION REPORT 50-263/99008(DRP)

Dear Mr. Wadley:

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During the 6-week period covered by this inspection, the conduct of operations at the Monticello facility was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations. Evolutions, such as surveillance tests and routine plant power changes, were well controlled, deliberate, and performed in accordance with procedures. No significant issues were identified.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

/s/ R. Lanksbury

Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief
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cc w/encl: Site General Manager, Monticello
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