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Gentlemen:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 21 to Facility License No. DPR-22 for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant in response to your requests dated October 15, 1975 and March 1, 1976.

This amendment supersedes Limiting Conditions for Operation related to liquid and gaseous radwaste releases from the plant and associated monitoring program.

These Technical Specifications are approved for interim use pending the availability of the "Standard Appendix I" Technical Specifications currently under preparation.

The amendment imposes more stringent limits upon radioactive releases, and modifies environmental sampling locations and sampling frequencies. It does not involve significant new safety information of a type not considered by a previous Commission safety review of the facility. It does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident, does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, and therefore does not involve a significant hazards consideration. We have also concluded that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by this action.

Copies of the related Environmental Impact Appraisal and the Federal Register notice are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 21 to DPR-22
2. F. R. Notice

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MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

AMENDMENT TO PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 21
License No. DPR-22

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The applications for amendment by Northern States Power Company (the licensee) dated October 15, 1975, and March 1, 1976, comply with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the applications, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public;
 - E. After weighing the environmental aspects involved, the issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by a change to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment.
3. This license amendment is effective as of July 1, 1976, for Interim Technical Specifications. The section regarding the Environmental

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Radiation Monitoring Program is effective as of its date of issuance except the Air Particulate Monitoring Program which will become effective 120 days after the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

s/George Knighton
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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO.

PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-22

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Replace the existing pages of the Technical Specifications listed below with the attached revised pages bearing the same numbers, except as otherwise noted. Changed areas on these pages are shown by marginal lines:

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INTERIM TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

TS B.2.4-RADIOACTIVE EFFLUENTS

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

UNIT 1

License No. DPR-22

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2.4 LIMITING CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION

Radioactive Effluents

Objective: To define the limits and conditions for the controlled release of radioactive materials in liquid and gaseous effluents to the environs to ensure that these releases are as low as practicable. These releases should not result in radiation exposures in unrestricted areas greater than a few percent of natural background exposures. The concentrations of radioactive materials in effluents shall be within the limits specified in 10 CFR Part 20.

To ensure that the releases of radioactive material are as low as practicable, the following design objectives apply until Technical Specifications are issued in accordance with the recently adopted Appendix I to 10 CFR Part 50:

For liquid wastes:

- a. The annual dose above background to the total body or any organ of an individual should not exceed 5 mrem in an unrestricted area.
- b. The annual total quantity of radioactive materials in liquid waste, excluding tritium and dissolved gases, discharged should not exceed 5 Ci.

For gaseous wastes:

- c. The annual total quantity of noble gases above background discharged from the site should result in an air dose due to gamma radiation of less than 10 mrad, and an air dose due to beta radiation of less than 20 mrad, at any location near ground level which could be occupied by individuals at or beyond the boundary of the site.
- d. The annual total quantity of all radioiodines and radioactive material in particulate forms with half-lives greater than eight days above background, should not result in an annual dose to any organ of an individual in an unrestricted area from all pathways of exposure in excess of 15 mrem.
- e. The annual total quantity of iodine-131 discharged should not exceed 1 Ci.

2.4.1 Specifications for Liquid Waste Effluents

- a. The concentration of radioactive materials released in liquid waste effluents shall not exceed the value specified in 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix B, Table II, Column 2, and Notes thereto, in the condenser cooling water discharge canal.
- b. The cumulative release of radioactive materials in liquid waste effluent, excluding tritium and dissolved gases, shall not exceed 10 Ci in any calendar quarter.
- c. The cumulative release of radioactive materials in liquid waste effluents, excluding tritium and dissolved gases, shall not exceed 20 Ci in any 12 consecutive months.
- d. The equipment installed in the liquid radioactive waste system shall be maintained and shall be operated to process radioactive liquid wastes prior to their discharge.
- e. The maximum radioactivity to be contained in any liquid radwaste tank that can be discharged directly to the environs shall not exceed 10 Ci, excluding tritium and dissolved gases.
- f. If the cumulative release of radioactive materials in liquid effluents, excluding tritium and dissolved gases, exceeds 2.5 Ci/calendar quarter, the licensee shall make an investigation to identify the causes for such releases, define and initiate a program of action to reduce such releases to the design objective levels listed in Section 2.4, and report these actions to the NRC within 30 days from the end of the quarter during which the release occurred.

- g. An unplanned or uncontrolled offsite release of radioactive materials in liquid effluents in excess of 0.5 curies requires notification.

This notification to the NRC shall be made within 30 days.

2.4.2 Specifications for Liquid Waste Sampling and Monitoring

- a. Plant records shall be maintained of the radioactive concentration and volume before dilution of liquid waste intended for discharge and the average dilution flow and length of time over which each discharge occurred. Summaries of the quantities of releases shall be included in the Semi-Annual Radioactive Effluent Report. Estimates of the sampling and analytical errors associated with each reported value shall be included.
- b. Prior to release of each batch of liquid waste, a sample shall be taken from that batch and analyzed for the concentration of each significant gamma energy peak in accordance with Table 2.4-1 to demonstrate compliance with Specification 2.4.1 using the flow rate into which the waste is discharged during the period of discharge.
- c. Sampling and analysis of liquid radioactive waste shall be performed in accordance with Table 2.4-1. Prior to taking samples from a monitoring tank, at least two tank volumes shall be recirculated.
- d. The radioactivity in liquid wastes shall be continuously monitored and recorded during release. Whenever these monitors are inoperable for a period not to exceed 72 hours, two independent samples of each tank to be discharged shall be analyzed and two plant personnel shall independently check valving prior to the discharge. If these monitors are inoperable for a period exceeding 72 hours, no release from a liquid waste tank shall be made and any release in progress shall be terminated.

- e. The flow rate of liquid radioactive waste shall be continuously measured and recorded during release.
- f. The continuous monitors listed in Table 2.4.3 shall be calibrated at least quarterly by means of a solid radioactive source which has been calibrated to a National Bureau of Standards source. Each monitor shall also have a functional test monthly and an instrument check prior to making a release.
- g. During each release of liquid radioactive waste, the liquid radwaste discharge monitor readings shall be correlated with the results of analyses performed prior to release.

Bases: These Specifications are applicable until Specifications prepared in accordance with Appendix I to 10 CFR Part 50 are issued by the Commission. In some cases these Specifications may be more restrictive than required by Appendix I. In the event that plant availability is adversely affected by these Specifications, the licensee may apply to the Commission for appropriate Technical Specification changes on a case by case basis.

Specification 2.4.1.a requires the licensee to limit the concentration of radioactive materials in liquid waste effluents released from the site to levels specified in 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix B, Table II, Column 2, for unrestricted areas. This specification provides assurance that no member of the general public will be exposed to liquid containing radioactive materials in excess of limits considered permissible under the Commission's Regulations.

Specifications 2.4.1.b and 2.4.1.c establish the upper limits for the release of radioactive materials in liquid effluents. The intent of these Specifications is to permit the licensee the flexibility of operation to assure that the public is provided a dependable source of power under unusual operating conditions which may temporarily result in releases higher than the levels normally achievable when the plant and the liquid waste treatment systems are functioning as designed. Releases of up to these levels will result in concentrations of radioactive material in liquid waste effluents at small percentages of the limits specified in 10 CFR Part 20.

Specification 2.4.1.d requires that the licensee maintain and operate the equipment installed in the liquid waste systems to reduce the release of radioactive materials in liquid effluents to as low as practicable consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50.36a. Normal use and maintenance of installed equipment in the liquid waste system provides reasonable assurance that the quantity released will not exceed the design objective. In order to keep releases of radioactive materials as low as practicable, the specification requires operation of equipment whenever a release of radioactive liquid waste is made.

Specification 2.4.1.e restricts the amount of radioactive material that could be inadvertently released to the environment to an amount that will not exceed the Technical Specification limit.

In addition to limiting conditions for operation listed under Specifications 2.4.1.b and 2.4.1.c, the reporting requirements of Specification 2.4.1.f delineate that the licensee shall identify the cause whenever the cumulative release of radioactive materials in liquid waste effluents exceeds one-half the design objective annual quantity during any calendar quarter and describe the proposed program of action to reduce such releases to design objective levels on a timely basis. This report must be filed within 30 days following the calendar quarter in which the release occurred.

Specification 2.4.1.g provides for reporting spillage or release events which, while below the limits of 10 CFR Part 20, could result in releases higher than the design objectives.

The sampling and monitoring requirements given under Specification 2.4.2 provide assurance that radioactive materials in liquid wastes are properly controlled and monitored in conformance with the requirements of Design Criteria 60 and 64 of Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 50 and permit the licensee and the Commission to evaluate the plant's performance relative to radioactive liquid wastes released to the environment. Reports of the quantities of radioactive materials released in liquid waste effluents are furnished to the Commission semi-annually. On the basis of such reports and any additional information the Commission may obtain from the licensee or others, the Commission may from time to time require the licensee to take such action as the Commission deems appropriate.

The points of release to the environment to be monitored in Section 2.4.2 include all the monitored release points listed in Table 2.4-3.

2.4.3 Specifications for Gaseous Waste Effluents

The terms used in these Specifications are as follows:

subscripts v, refers to vent releases

s, refers to stack releases

i, refers to individual noble gas nuclide

(Refer to Table 2.4-5 for the noble gas nuclides considered)

Q_T = the total noble gas release rate (Ci/sec)

$= \sum_i Q_i$ sum of the individual noble gas radionuclides determined to be present by isotopic analysis

\bar{K} = the average total body dose factor due to gamma emission (rem/yr per Ci/sec)

\bar{L} = the average skin dose factor due to beta emissions (rem/yr per Ci/sec)

\bar{M} = the average air dose factor due to beta emissions (rad/yr per Ci/sec)

\bar{N} = the average air dose factor due to gamma emissions (rad/yr per Ci/sec)

The values of \bar{K} , \bar{L} , \bar{M} , and \bar{N} for the vent releases are determined from the isotopic analysis performed at the discharge of the steam jet air ejectors as delineated in Specification 2.4.4.c. The values of \bar{K} , \bar{L} , \bar{M} , and \bar{N} for the stack are determined from the isotopic analysis performed at a point prior to dilution and discharge as delineated in Specification 2.4.4.c. New values should be determined each time isotopic analysis is required as follows:

$$\bar{K} = (1/Q_T) \sum_i Q_i K_i$$

$$\bar{L} = (1/Q_T) \sum_i Q_i L_i$$

$$\bar{M} = (1/Q_T) \sum_i Q_i M_i$$

$$\bar{N} = (1/Q_T) \sum_i Q_i N_i$$

Bases:

4.8 Environmental Monitoring Program

It is recognized that a precise determination of environmental dose from a certain emission from the stack is only possible by direct measurement. Such information will be provided by the environmental monitoring program conducted at and around the site. If the stack emission ever reaches a level such that it is measurable in the environment, such measurements will provide a basis for adjusting the proposed stack limit long before the effect in the environment is of any concern for permissible dose. In this regard, it is important to realize that averaging emission rate over a period of one calendar year as permitted by 10 CFR Part 20 represents a very large safety margin between conditions at any one instant (any minute, hour, or day) and the long-term dose of interest.

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Table 4.8.1
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Air Samples (TLD)	Gamma	Same location as filters plus 6 on-site stations	Every 4 weeks (with one day down for calibration)
Small Game Animal	Gamma Spectra Analysis of flesh and liver	One location within a one-mile radius of the plant and a background location at a distance of between 10 and 20 miles from the site.	Semi-annually

NOTES:

If ⁹⁰Sr concentrations in any of the environmental media monitored increase to twice that of the preoperational period, ⁹⁰Sr analyses shall be conducted on the following samples at the indicated frequency until it has been demonstrated that the increase is not attributable to plant operations:

Sample	⁹⁰ Sr Analysis Frequency
River Water	Quarterly
Lake Water	Quarterly
Well Water	Quarterly
Lake & River Bottom Sediment	Semi-annually
Plankton, Algae or Insects	Semi-annually
Aquatic Vegetation	Quarterly
Fish	Quarterly
Milk	Monthly
Topsoil	Semi-annually
Agricultural Crops	Annually at harvest

CODING SYSTEM:

GB -gross beta
GS -gamma scan
(M)-monthly
(Q)-quarterly

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- 3.2 For effective emergency core cooling for the small pipe break the HPCI or Automatic Pressure Relief system must function since for these breaks, reactor pressure does not decrease rapidly enough to allow either core spray or LPCI to operate in time. The arrangement of the tripping contacts is such as to provide this function when necessary and minimize spurious operation. The trip settings given in the specification are adequate to assure the above criteria is met. Reference Section 6.2.4 and 6.2.6 FSAR. The specification preserves the effectiveness of the system during periods of maintenance, testing, or calibration, and also minimizes the risk of inadvertent operation; i.e., only one instrument channel out of service.

Two air ejector off-gas monitors are provided and when their trip point is reached, cause an isolation of the air ejector off-gas line. Isolation is initiated when both instruments reach their high trip point or one has an upscale trip and the other a downscale trip or two downscale. There is a 30-minute delay before recombiner train inlet valve closure when the recombiners are in use and a 15-minute delay before off-gas isolation valve closure when the recombiners are bypassed in which the reactor operator may take corrective action. Both instruments are required for trip. The trip settings of the instruments are set so that the maximum stack release rate limit is not exceeded.

Four radiation monitors are provided which initiate isolation of the reactor building and operation of the standby gas treatment system. The monitors are located in the reactor building ventilation plenum and on the refueling floor. Any one upscale trip will cause the desired action. Trip settings of 3 mR/hr for the monitors in the ventilation duct are based upon initiating normal ventilation isolation and Standby Gas Treatment System operation so as not to exceed the maximum release rate limit. [REDACTED] for the reactor building vent. Trip settings of 100 mR/hr for the monitors on the refueling floor are based upon initiating normal ventilation isolation and standby gas treatment system operation so that none of the activity released during the refueling accident leaves the reactor building via the normal ventilation stack but that all the activity is processed by the standby gas treatment system.

Although the operator will set the set points within the trip settings specified in Tables 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, and 3.2.4, the actual values of the various set points can differ appreciably from the value the operator is attempting to set. The deviations could be caused by inherent instrument error, operator setting error, drift of the set point, etc. Therefore, these deviations have been accounted for in the various transient analyses and the actual trip settings may vary by the following amounts.

3.0 LIMITING CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION

4.0 SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.8 Environmental Monitoring Program

The environmental monitoring program given in Table 4.8.1 shall be conducted.

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Table 4.8.1

SAMPLE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS
MONTICELLO NUCLEAR PLANT - ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM

<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Type of Analysis</u>	<u>Collection Site</u>	<u>Collection Frequency</u>
River Water	GB, GS ³ H (M)	Upstream within 1000 ft of intake canal. Downstream within 1000 ft of discharge canal. St. Paul raw water intake.	Weekly
Lake Water	GB, GS, ³ H	2 local lakes.	Quarterly (water and ice conditions permitting)
Well Water	GB, GS, ³ H	6 sites within 5 miles of plant site including the Monticello well.	Quarterly
Precipitation	GB, GS, ³ H, ¹³¹ I, ⁹⁰ Sr	Meteorological Station at plant. State Health Dept Bldg - Mpls.	Monthly
Lake and River Bottom Sediment	GB, GS ¹³⁷ Cs	2 local lakes. Upstream of plant. Downstream of plant.	Semi-annually
Plankton or Algae or Insects	GB, GS, ¹³⁷ Cs, ⁹⁰ Sr	2 local lakes. Upstream of plant. Downstream of plant.	Semi-annually (when available)
Aquatic Vegetation	GB, GS, ¹³⁷ Cs	2 local lakes. Upstream of plant. Downstream of plant.	Quarterly (when available)

Table 4.8.1
Continued

<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Type of Analysis</u>	<u>Collection Site</u>	<u>Collection Frequency</u>
Clams	GB, GS	Upstream of plant. Downstream of plant.	Quarterly (when available)
Fish	GB, GS	Upstream of plant. Downstream of plant.	Quarterly (water and ice conditions permitting)
Milk	GS, ^{131}I $^{90}\text{Sr}(\text{Q})$, ^{137}Cs	Two farms/region Four regions	Quarterly
	GS, $^{137}\text{Cs}(\text{Q})$ $^{90}\text{Sr}(\text{Q})$, ^{131}I	Uncomposited samples from four nearest dairy farms.	Monthly (^{131}I weekly during the grazing season)
Topsoil	GB, GS, ^{137}Cs	From 3 fields site, also 3 fields irrigated with river water downstream of plant.	Semi-annually
Vegetation	GB, GS, ^{131}I	From 3 fields downwind of the plant site	Semi-annually
Edible Cultivated Crops	GB, GS, ^{137}Cs	From 3 fields irrigated by river water downstream from the plant. Sample corn from the cornfield having the poorest anticipated atmospheric disper- sion (X/Q).	Annually (at harvest)
Air Samples (filters)	GB, GS (M) ^{131}I	Meteorological Station at plant and 7 other stations located within 15-mile radius of plant.	Weekly
Air Samples (film badge)	Beta Gamma	Same locations as filters plus 6 on- site stations	Every 4 weeks

where the values of K_i , L_i , M_i and N_i are provided in Table 2.4-5, and are site dependent gamma and beta dose factors.

Q = the measured release rate (Ci/sec) of the radioiodines and radioactive materials in particulate forms with half-lives greater than eight days.

1.1 = a factor accounting for the increased stopping power of tissue relative to air for beta radiation

- a. Should any of the conditions of 2.4.3.a(1) or (2) be exceeded, the licensee shall take appropriate corrective action to bring the releases within these limits.

- (1) The release rate limit of noble gases from the site shall be such that

$$2.0 (Q_{TV} \bar{K}_V + Q_{Ts} \bar{K}_s) \leq 1$$

and

$$0.33 [Q_{TV} (\bar{L}_V + 1.1 \bar{N}_V) + Q_{Ts} (\bar{L}_s + 1.1 \bar{N}_s)] \leq 1$$

- (2) The release rate limit of all radioiodines and radioactive materials in particulate form with half-lives greater than eight days, released to the environs as part of the gaseous wastes from the site shall be such that

$$3.7 \times 10^5 Q_V + 2.5 \times 10^4 Q_s \leq 1$$

b. Should any of the conditions of 2.4.3.b (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6) be exceeded, the licensee shall take appropriate corrective action to bring the releases within these limits.

- (1) The average release rate of noble gases from the site during any calendar quarter shall be such that

$$13 (Q_{Tv} \bar{N}_v + Q_{Ts} \bar{N}_s) \leq 1$$

and

$$6.3 (Q_{Tv} \bar{M}_v + Q_{Ts} \bar{M}_s) \leq 1$$

- (2) The average release rate of noble gases from the site during any 12 consecutive months shall be

$$25 (Q_{Tv} \bar{N}_v + Q_{Ts} \bar{N}_s) \leq 1$$

and

$$13 (Q_{Tv} \bar{M}_v + Q_{Ts} \bar{M}_s) \leq 1$$

- (3) The average release rate per site of all radioiodines and radioactive materials in particulate form with half-lives greater than eight days during any calendar quarter shall be such that

$$13 (3.7 \times 10^5 Q_v + 2.5 \times 10^4 Q_s) \leq 1$$

- (4) The average release rate per site of all radioiodines and radioactive materials in particulate form with half-lives greater than eight days during any period of 12 consecutive months shall be such that

$$25 (3.7 \times 10^5 Q_v + 2.5 \times 10^4 Q_s) \leq 1$$

- (5) The amount of iodine-131 released during any calendar quarter shall not exceed 2 Ci.

- (6) The amount of iodine-131 released during any period of 12 consecutive months shall not exceed 4 Ci.

c. Should any of the conditions of 2.4.3.c(1), (2), or (3) below exist, the licensee shall make an investigation to identify the causes of the release rates, define and initiate a program of action to reduce the release rates to design objective levels listed in Section 2.4 and report these actions to the NRC within 30 days from the end of the quarter during which the releases occurred.

- (1) If the average release rate of noble gases from the site during any calendar quarter is such that

$$50 (Q_{TV} \bar{N}_v + Q_{Ts} \bar{N}_s) > 1$$

or

$$25 (Q_{TV} \bar{M}_v + Q_{Ts} \bar{M}_s) > 1$$

- (2) If the average release rate per site of all radioiodines and radioactive materials in particulate form with half-lives greater than eight days during any calendar quarter is such that

$$50 (3.7 \times 10^5 Q_v + 2.5 \times 10^4 Q_s) > 1$$

- (3) If the amount of iodine-131 released during any calendar quarter is greater than 0.5 Ci.

- d. Whenever gaseous wastes are being released from the offgas treatment system, at least one Main Stack monitor shall be operable and set to alarm and initiate automatic termination of offgas discharge prior to exceeding the limits of Specification 2.4.3.a above. The capability of each automatic isolation valve shall be demonstrated quarterly. If no Main Stack monitor is operating, releases from the offgas system shall be terminated within 10 hours.
- e. During power operation the Reactor Building Ventilation System monitoring system shall be operable and set to alarm and initiate automatic termination of Reactor Building ventilation air discharge prior to exceeding the limits of Specification 2.4.3.a above. The capability of automatic isolation of the ventilation system shall be demonstrated quarterly. If the Reactor Building Ventilation System monitoring system is not operating, releases from the Reactor Building Ventilation System shall be terminated within 10 hours.
- f. If the gross radioactivity release rate of noble gases at the steam jet air ejector monitors exceeds, for a period greater than 48 hours, the equivalent of 260,000 uCi/sec following a 30-minute decay, notify the NRC within ten days.
- g. The drywell shall be purged through the standby gas treatment system.
- h. Except as specified in Specification 2.4.3.1 below, at least two hydrogen monitors in the offgas line downstream of each operating recombiner shall be operable during power operation. If the hydrogen concentration reaches a set point of four percent by volume, the offgas flow shall be stopped automatically by closing the valves upstream of the affected recombiner.
- i. Whenever the required hydrogen monitors are not operable, offgas flow to the compressed storage subsystem shall be terminated.

- j. The maximum gross radioactivity contained in one gas decay tank after 12 hours holdup that can be discharged directly to the environs shall be less than 22,000 curies of Xe-133 dose equivalent.
- k. The mechanical condenser vacuum pump shall be capable of being isolated and secured on a signal of high radioactivity whenever the main steam line isolation valves are open or it shall be isolated.
- l. At least once during each operating cycle automatic isolation of the mechanical condenser vacuum pump shall be verified.
- m. An unplanned or uncontrolled offsite release of radioactive materials in gaseous effluents in excess of 5 curies of noble gas or 0.02 curie of radioiodine in any one hour period shall be reported within 30 days.

2.4.4 Specifications for Gaseous Waste Sampling and Monitoring

- a. Plant records shall be maintained of the sampling and analyses results. Summaries of the quantities of releases shall be included in the Effluent and Waste Disposal Semiannual Report. Estimates of the sampling and analytical error associated with each reported value should be included.
- b. Prior to opening a Turbine Building roof vent, except in the event of fire, and daily thereafter, air samples shall be taken in three locations shown to be representative of radiation levels on the operating floor and analyzed for radioactive iodines and particulates with half-lives greater than eight days. In addition, when a vent is open a continuous radioactive iodine and particulate air monitor shall be in operation on the turbine floor. The average concentration of radioiodine and particulate matter measured in the Turbine Building shall be used in conjunction with the design flow rate of the roof exhausters in determining Turbine Building release rates. These release rates shall be included in the "Qv" terms in Specifications 2.4.3.a, 2.4.3.b, and 2.4.3.c. The position of the Turbine Building roof vents shall be logged once each shift.

- c. An isotopic analysis shall be made of a representative sample of gaseous activity at the discharge of the steam jet air ejectors and at a point prior to dilution and discharge.
- (1) at least monthly, and
 - (2) following each refueling outage, and
 - (3) if the steam jet air ejector monitors indicate an increase of greater than 50% in the steady state fission gas release after factoring out increases due to power changes.

Following each analysis, steam jet air ejector monitor and stack monitor readings shall be correlated with the results of the analysis.

- d. The continuous monitors listed in Table 2.4-4 shall be calibrated at least quarterly by means of a known solid radioactive source which has been calibrated to a National Bureau of Standards source. Each monitor shall have a functional test at least monthly and an instrument check at least daily.
- e. Sampling and analysis of radioactive material in gaseous waste, including particulate forms and radioiodines shall be performed in accordance with Table 2.4-2.
- f. The hydrogen monitors shall be functionally tested monthly and calibrated quarterly with an appropriate gas mixture source. Each monitor shall have a sensor check at least daily.
- g. Condenser air inleakage shall be evaluated weekly and used in conjunction with steam jet air ejector offgas isotopic analyses and Figure 2.4-1 to determine that the limit of Specification 2.4.3.j is not exceeded.

Bases: The release of radioactive materials in gaseous waste effluents to unrestricted areas shall not exceed the concentration limits specified in 10 CFR Part 20 and should be as low as practical in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50.36a. These specifications provide reasonable assurance that the resulting annual air dose from the site due to gamma radiation will not exceed 10 mrad, the annual air dose from the site due to beta radiation will not exceed 20 mrad from noble gases, that no individual in an unrestricted area will receive an annual dose to the total body greater than 5 mrem or an annual skin dose to the total body greater than 15 mrem from fission product noble gases, and that the annual dose to any organ of an individual from radioiodines and radioactive material in particulate form with half-lives greater than eight days will not exceed 15 mrem from the site.

At the same time these specifications permit the flexibility of operation, compatible with considerations of health and safety, to assure that the public is provided with a dependable source of power under unusual operating conditions which may temporarily result in releases higher than the design objective levels but still within the concentration limits specified in 10 CFR Part 20. Even with this operational flexibility, the annual releases will not exceed a small fraction of the concentration limits specified in 10 CFR Part 20.

The design objectives have been developed based on operating experience taking into account a combination of system variables including defective fuel, primary system leakage, and the performance of the various waste treatment systems.

Specification 2.4.3.a(1) limits the release rate of noble gases from the site so that the corresponding annual gamma and beta dose rate above background to an individual in an unrestricted area will not exceed 500 mrem to the total body or 3000 mrem to the skin in compliance with the limits of 10 CFR Part 20.

For Specification 2.4.3.a(1), gamma and beta dose factors for the individual noble gas radionuclides have been calculated for the plant gaseous release points and are provided in Table 2.4-5. The expressions used to calculate these dose factors are based on dose models derived in Section 7 of Meteorology and Atomic Energy-1968 and model techniques provided in Draft Regulatory Guide 1.AA.

Dose calculations have been made to determine the site boundary location with the highest anticipated dose rate from noble gases using on-site meteorological data and the dose expressions provided in Draft Regulatory Guide 1.AA. The dose expression considers the release point location, building wake effects, and the physical characteristics of the radionuclides.

The offsite location with the highest anticipated annual dose from released noble gases is 700 meters in the SSE direction.

The release rate Specifications for radioiodine and radioactive material in particulate form with half-lives greater than eight days are dependent on existing radionuclide pathways to man. The pathways which were examined for these Specifications are: 1) individual inhalation of airborne radionuclides, 2) deposition of radionuclides onto green leafy vegetation with subsequent consumption by man, and 3) deposition onto grassy areas where milch animals graze with consumption of the milk by man, which was determined to be the most limiting pathway. Methods for estimating doses to the thyroid via these pathways are described in Draft Regulatory Guide 1.AA.

The offsite location with the highest anticipated thyroid dose rate from radioiodines and radioactive material in particulate form with half-lives greater than eight days was determined using on-site meteorological data and the expressions described in Draft Regulatory Guide 1.AA.

Specification 2.4.3.a(2) limits the release rate of radioiodines and radioactive material in particulate form with half-lives greater than eight days so that the corresponding annual thyroid dose via the most restrictive pathway is less than 1500 mrem.

For radioiodines and radioactive material in particulate form with half-lives greater than eight days, the most restrictive location is a dairy farm located 3700 meters in the NNE direction (vent $X/Q = 4.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ sec/m}^3$; stack $X/Q = 2.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ sec/m}^3$).

Specification 2.4.3.b establishes upper offsite levels for the releases of noble gases and radioiodines and radioactive material in particulate form with half-lives greater than eight days at twice the design objective annual quantity during any calendar quarter, or four times the design objective annual quantity during any period of 12 consecutive months. In addition to the limiting conditions for operation of Specifications 2.4.3.a and 2.4.3.b, the reporting requirements of 2.4.3.c provide that the cause shall be identified whenever the release of gaseous effluents exceeds one-half the design objective annual quantity during any calendar quarter and that the proposed program of action to reduce such release rates to the design objectives shall be described.

Specification 2.4.3.d and 2.4.3.e are in accordance with Design Criterion 64 of Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 50.

Specification 2.4.3.f is intended to monitor the performance of the core. An increase in the activity levels of gaseous releases may be the result of defective fuel. Since core performance is of utmost importance in the resulting doses from accidents, a report must be filed within 10 days following the specified increase in activity level at the steam jet air ejector.

Specification 2.4.3.g requires that the drywell atmosphere receive treatment for the removal of gaseous iodine and particulates during purging.

Specification 2.4.3.h requires that hydrogen concentration upstream of the compressed radioactive gaseous storage tanks shall be monitored whenever the compressed storage subsystem is in use.

Specification 2.4.3.i requires offgas flow to the compressed storage tanks to be terminated in the event that the hydrogen monitors downstream of the recombiners are inoperable. This prevents the possible accumulation of an explosive mixture in portions of the offgas system which are not designed to fully withstand a hydrogen detonation.

Specification 2.4.3.j limits the maximum gross activity in one decay tank on the basis that accidental release of its contents to the environs by operator error after 12 hours decay should not result in exceeding the dose equivalent to the maximum quarterly release rate specified in Specification 2.4.3.c.1. Staff analysis of an elevated release under accident meteorology for a minimum release period of 8 hours indicated a release of 22,000 curies of Xe-133 or the dose equivalent would result in an air dose from the site of 20 mrad from noble gases.

Calculations have been performed to determine the relationship between steam jet air ejector offgas activity and composition and condenser air inleakage. These calculations were used to determine the curves presented in Figure 2.4-1. The results of the measurement of condenser air inleakage and the average air ejector offgas release rate are used in conjunction with the

most recent offgas isotopic analysis to determine if the maximum permitted Xe-133 dose equivalent tank radioactivity contents may be exceeded. This analysis is adequate to initiate corrective action in the unlikely event that the tank radioactivity limit is being approached.

Specifications 2.4.3.K and 2.4.3.1 require that the mechanical vacuum pump be provided with automatic isolation capability to limit the release of activity from the main condenser during an accident.

Specification 2.4.3.m provides for reporting release events which, while below the limits of 10 CFR Part 20, could result in releases higher than the design objectives.

The sampling and monitoring requirements given under Specification 2.4.4 provide assurance that radioactive materials released in gaseous waste effluents are properly controlled and monitored in conformance with the requirements of Design Criteria 60 and 64. These requirements provide the data for the licensee and the Commission to evaluate the plant's performance relative to radioactive waste effluents released to the environment.

Reports on the quantities of radioactive materials released in gaseous effluents are furnished to the Commission semiannually. On the basis of such reports and any additional information the Commission may obtain from the licensee or others, the Commission may from time to time require the licensee to take such action as the Commission deems appropriate.

The points of release to the environment to be monitored in Section 2.4.4 include all the monitored release points as provided for in Table 2.4-4.

These Specifications are applicable for the interim period until the date that Specifications prepared in accordance with new Appendix I become effective. In some cases these Specifications may be more restrictive than

required by Appendix I. In the event that plant availability is adversely affected by these specifications, the licensee may apply to the Commission for appropriate Technical Specification changes on a case by case basis.

2.4.5 Specifications for Solid Waste Handling and Disposal

- a. Measurements shall be made to determine or estimate the total curie quantity and principle radionuclide composition of all radioactive solid waste shipped offsite.
- b. Summaries of radioactive solid waste shipments, volumes, principal radionuclides, and total curie quantity, shall be included in the Effluent and Waste Disposal Semiannual Report.

Bases: The requirements for solid radioactive waste handling and disposal given under Specification 2.4.5 provide assurance that solid radioactive materials stored at the plant and shipped offsite are packaged in conformance with 10 CFR Part 20, 10 CFR Part 71, and 49 CFR Parts 170-178.

TABLE TS B.2.4-1

RADIOACTIVE LIQUID WASTE SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

Liquid Source	Sampling Frequency	Type of Activity Analysis	Detectable Concentrations (uCi/ml) ^a
A. Monitor Tank Releases	Each Batch	Principal Gamma Emitters	$5 \times 10^{-7}{}^b$
	One Batch/Month	Dissolved Gases ^e	10^{-5}
	Weekly Composite ^c	Ba-La-140, I-131	10^{-6}
	Monthly Composite ^c	Sr-89 H-3 Gross Alpha	5×10^{-8} 10^{-5} 10^{-7}
	Quarterly Composite ^c	Sr-90	5×10^{-8}
B. Primary Coolant	Weekly ^d	I-131, I-133	10^{-6}

^aThe detectability limits for activity analysis are based on the technical feasibility and on the potential significance in the environment of the quantities released. For some nuclides, lower detection limits may be readily achievable, and when nuclides are measured below the stated limits, they should also be reported.

^bFor certain mixtures of gamma emitters, it may not be possible to measure radionuclides in concentrations near their sensitivity limits when other nuclides are present in the same in much greater concentrations. Under these circumstances, it will be more appropriate to calculate the concentrations of such radionuclides using measured ratios with those radionuclides which are routinely identified and measured.

^cA composite sample is one in which the quantity of liquid sampled is proportional to the quantity of liquid waste discharged.

^dThe power level and cleanup or purification flow rate at the sample time shall also be reported.

^eFor dissolved noble gases in water, assume a MPC of 4×10^{-5} uCi/ml of water.

TABLE TS B.2.4-1

TABLE TS B.2.4-2

RADIOACTIVE GASEOUS WASTE SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

Gaseous Source	Sampling Frequency	Type of Activity Analysis	Detectable Concentrations (uCi/ml) ^a
A. Containment Purges	Each Purge	Principal Gamma Emitters	10^{-4} ^b
		H-3	10^{-6}
B. Environmental Release Points	Monthly (Gas Samples)	Principal Gamma Emitters ^f	10^{-4} ^{b, c}
		H-3	10^{-6}
	Weekly (Charcoal Samples)	I-131	10^{-12} ^d
	Monthly (Charcoal Samples)	I-133, I-135	10^{-10}
	Weekly (Particulates)	Principal Gamma Emitters (at least for Ba-La-140 and I-131)	10^{-11} ^d
	Monthly Composite ^e (Particulates)	Sr-89	10^{-11}
		Gross Alpha	10^{-11}
	Qtrly Composite ^e (Particulates)	Sr-90	10^{-11}

^a The above detectability limits for activity analysis are based on technical feasibility and on the potential significance in the environment of the quantities released. For some nuclides, lower detection limits may be readily achievable, and when nuclides are measured below the stated limits, they should also be reported.

^b Analyses shall also be performed following each refueling, startup, or similar operational occurrence which could alter the mixture of radionuclides.

^c For certain mixtures of gamma emitters, it may not be possible to measure radionuclides at levels near their sensitivity limits when other nuclides are present in the sample at much higher levels. Under these circumstances, it will be more appropriate to calculate the levels of such radionuclides using observed ratios with those radionuclides which are measurable.

TABLE TS B.2.4-2 Notes (continued)

- ^d When the average daily gross radioactivity release rate exceeds that given in 2.4.3.c(1) or where the steady-state gross radioactivity release rate increases by 50% over the previous corresponding power level steady-state release rate, the iodine and particulate collection devices for the release point whose contribution exceeds 50% of these rates shall be removed and analyzed to determine the change in iodine-131 and particulate release rate. The analyses for this release point shall be done daily following such change until it is shown that a pattern exists which can be used to predict the release rate after which it may revert to weekly sampling.
- ^e To be representative of the average quantities and concentrations of radioactive materials in particulate form released in gaseous effluents, samples should be collected in proportion to the rate of flow of the effluent streams.
- ^f Isotopic analysis performed in accordance with Specification 2.4.4.c at the discharge of the steam jet air ejectors and at a point prior to dilution and discharge of gaseous waste from the offgas system. Concentrations of individual gamma emitters in the Reactor Building vent are expected to be below the minimum detectable levels with the existing analytical equipment. Therefore, isotopic analyses of samples from the vent will not normally be performed and the isotopic content will be assumed to be that existing at the steam jet air ejector.

TABLE TS B-2.4-3

LOCATION OF LIQUID EFFLUENT MONITORS AND SAMPLERS

Process Stream or Release Point	Radiation Alarm	Auto Control to Isolation Valve	Continuous Monitor	Grab Sample Station	Measurement						High Liquid Level Alarm
					Gross Activity	I	Dissolved Gases	Alpha	H-3	Isotopic Analysis	
Floor Drain Sample Tank				X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Laundry Drain Tank				X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Primary Coolant System				X		X					
Liquid Radwaste Discharge Pipe	X		X		X						
Service Water Discharge Pipe	X		X		X						
Closed Cooling Water System	X		X		X						
Discharge Canal Sampler	X		X	X							

TABLE TS B. 2.4-3

TABLE TS B.2.4-4

LOCATION OF GASEOUS PROCESS AND EFFLUENT MONITORS AND SAMPLERS

Process Stream or Release Point	Radiation Alarm	Auto Control to Isolation Valve	Continuous Monitor	Grab Sample Station	Measurement				
					Noble Gas	I	Particulate	H-3	Alpha
Condenser/Air Ejector (before gas treatment system)	X	X	X	X	X				
Offgas Treatment System (before dilution and discharge)				X	X				
Main Stack	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Reactor Building Ventilation System	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Turbine Building Operating Floor			X	X		X	X		
Mechanical Vacuum ^a Pump		X							

^a Isolation on main steam line high radiation.

TABLE TS B.2.4-4

TABLE TS B.2.4-5
GAMMA AND BETA DOSE FACTORS

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Noble Gas Radionuclide	Dose Factors for Vent				Dose Factors For Stack			
	K_{iv} Total Body $\frac{\text{rem/yr}}{\text{Ci/sec}}$	L_{iv} Skin $\frac{\text{rem/yr}}{\text{Ci/sec}}$	M_{iv} Beta Air $\frac{\text{rad/yr}}{\text{Ci/sec}}$	N_{iv} Gamma Air $\frac{\text{rad/yr}}{\text{Ci/sec}}$	K_{is} Total Body $\frac{\text{rem/yr}}{\text{Ci/sec}}$	L_{is} Skin $\frac{\text{rem/yr}}{\text{Ci/sec}}$	M_{is} Beta Air $\frac{\text{rad/yr}}{\text{Ci/sec}}$	N_{is} Gamma Air $\frac{\text{rad/yr}}{\text{Ci/sec}}$
Kr-83m	2.0×10^{-4}	0	1.6	0.13	2.0×10^{-5}	0	0.063	5.3×10^{-3}
Kr-85m	2.0	8.0	11	2.1	0.59	0.32	0.43	0.6
Kr-85	0.023	7.4	11	0.024	8.6×10^{-3}	0.29	0.43	9.1×10^{-3}
Kr-87	6.6	54	57	6.9	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.7
Kr-88	15	13	16	16	6.3	0.52	0.64	6.6
Kr-89	9.4	56	58	9.9	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.2
Xe-131m	0.69	2.6	6.1	0.89	0.15	0.10	0.24	0.18
Xe-133m	0.54	5.5	8.1	0.75	0.12	0.22	0.33	0.14
Xe-133	0.63	1.7	5.8	0.79	0.13	0.067	0.23	0.14
Xe-135m	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.1	1.2	0.16	0.16	1.3
Xe-135	2.9	10	14	3.0	0.94	0.41	0.54	0.99
Xe-137	1.1	67	70	1.2	0.25	2.7	2.8	0.26
Xe-138	9.3	23	26	9.8	3.1	0.91	1.0	3.2

TABLE TS B.2.4-5

Figure TS B.2.4-1 Off-Gas Storage Tank Gross Activity Limits

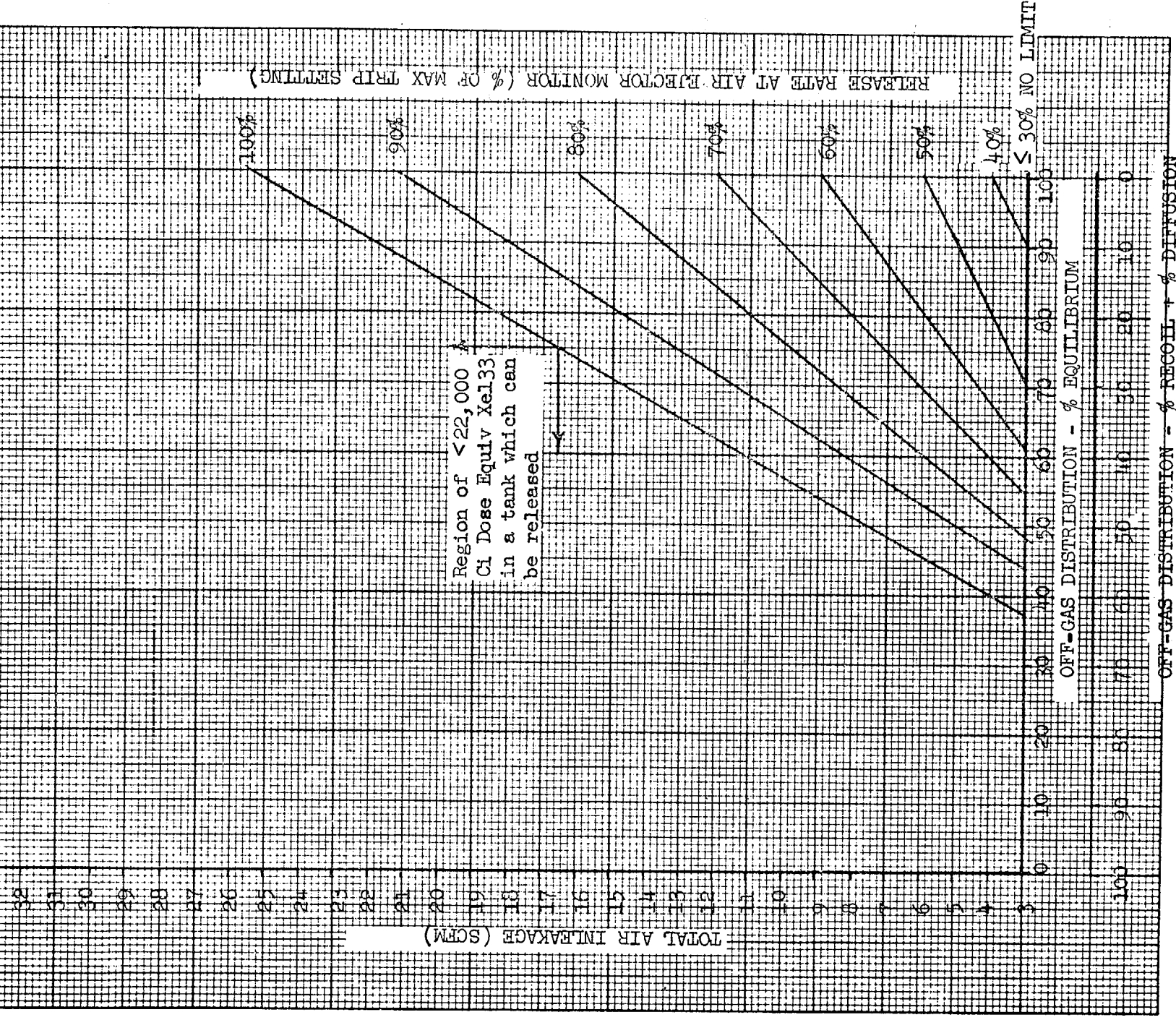


FIGURE TS B.2.4-1

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT APPRAISAL BY
THE DIVISION OF SITE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS
SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. TO DPR-22
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT APPRAISAL

1. Description of Proposed Action

By letters dated October 15, 1975 and March 1, 1976, Northern States Power Company submitted proposed changes to the Technical Specifications to Operating License DPR-22. These changes would authorize the Northern States Power Company to delete certain Limiting Conditions for Operation (LCO) of the Technical Specifications for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant and replace them with certain new Technical Specifications to be known as Interim Technical Specifications 2.4 by July 1, 1976. Furthermore, Northern States Power Company is modifying its Radiation Environmental Monitoring Program in accordance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's requirements. Certain changes will result in relocation of air particulate monitors. For implementing air particulate monitoring changes a period of up to 120 days will be required.

The Northern States Power Company is presently authorized to operate the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, located in the State of Minnesota, Wright County, at power levels up to 1670 MWt. The change will not authorize any change in this operational power level.

2. Environmental Impacts of Proposed Action

Potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed action are those related to deleting portions of limiting conditions for operations governing releases of radioactive material to the environment and monitoring of such releases, and replacing these with new LCO's and monitoring of such releases.

It is particularly noted that, in the absence of any significant change in the authorized power level, there will be no change in cooling water requirements and no increase in amounts or changes in the type of

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effluents. There will, in fact, be more restrictive conditions placed upon the amounts of certain effluents released, and more stringent monitoring of certain allowed releases in the proposed limiting conditions for operation than have been allowed by limiting conditions for operation that have been specified in the deleted portions of the Technical Specifications. Consequently, there will be no increased environmental impact from radioactive effluents and thermal effluents for normal operating or post-accident conditions which in turn could not lead to increases in radiation doses on thermal stress to the public or to biota in the environment.

For normal operating conditions, no environmental impact greater than as described in the Commission's Final Environmental Statement (FES) for Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Docket No. 263, dated November, 1972, can be predicted for the proposed action. The Commission's calculated releases of radioactive effluents are based on expected release rates to the environment, and are quantified on the basis of the total quantity of nuclear fuel within the reactor. The estimate of radionuclide and release rates will not be increased by the proposed action, and since the total quantity of nuclear fuel is unchanged, no increase in the calculated release of radioactive effluents is predicted. Consequently, no increase in radiation doses to man or other biota are predicted.

3. Conclusion and Basis for Negative Declaration

On the basis of the foregoing analysis, it is concluded that there will be no environmental impact attributed to the proposed action that will be greater than any already predicted and described in the Commission's FES for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. Having made this conclusion, the Commission has also concluded that no environmental impact statement for the action need be prepared, and that a negative declaration to that effect is appropriate.

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-263

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO PROVISIONAL
OPERATING LICENSE AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 21 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22 issued to Northern States Power Company which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, located in Wright County, Minnesota. The amendment is effective as of July 1, 1976, for Interim Technical Specifications. The section regarding Environmental Radiation Monitoring Program is effective as of its date of issuance except the Air Particulate Monitoring Program which will become effective 120 days after the date of issuance.

The amendment permits the Northern States Power Company (the licensee) to operate the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant with new Limiting Conditions for Operation related to liquid and gaseous radwaste releases from the plant that have been stipulated by all parties in the ongoing Atomic Safety and Licensing Board hearing. The amendment also permits the licensee to modify its radiation environmental monitoring program in accordance with the Commission's requirements.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and

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the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment is not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has prepared an environmental impact appraisal for the revised Technical Specifications and has concluded that an environmental impact statement for this particular action is not warranted because there will be no environmental impact attributable to the proposed action other than that which has already been predicted and described in the Commission's Final Environmental Statement for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant published in November 1972, and that a negative declaration to this effect is appropriate.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the applications for amendments dated October 15, 1975, and March 1, 1976, (2) Amendment No. 21 to License No. DPR-22, and (3) the Commission's Environmental Impact Appraisal. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Environmental Conservation Library, Minneapolis Public Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555 Attention; Director, Division of Site Safety and Environmental Analysis.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 20th day of May 1976.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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