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Docket No. 50-263

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Gentlemen:

In response to your request dated October 31, 1977, the Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 32 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22 for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant.

The amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications which delete the requirement for an Annual Operating Report, while retaining the specific requirement for an Annual Report of Occupational Exposure and modify the submittal date of the Monthly Operating Report to the 15th (vice 10th) of the month following the calendar month covered by the report. These changes comply with the guidance provided in our letter dated September 19, 1977.

Copies of the related Safety Evaluation and the Notice of Issuance are also enclosed.

Sincerely,
Original Signed by
Don K. Davis

Don K. Davis, Acting Chief
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Enclosures:

- 1. Amendment No. 32 to License No. DPR-22
- 2. Safety Evaluation
- 3. Notice

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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-263

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

AMENDMENT TO PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 32
License No. DPR-22

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Northern States Power Company (the licensee) dated October 31, 1977, complies 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 application, 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; and
 - E. 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 changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment and paragraph 3.B of Facility License No. DPR-22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 32, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of January 1, 1978.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Don K. Davis, Acting Chief
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Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: December 9, 1977

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 32

PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-22

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Replace pages 211 and 212 of the Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A of the above-indicated license with the attached pages 211 and 212. The changed areas on the revised pages are reflected by a marginal line. In addition, delete existing page 213.

6.7 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the applicable reporting requirements of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, the following identified reports shall be submitted to the Director of the appropriate Regional Office of Inspection and Enforcement unless otherwise noted.

A. Routine Reports

1. Startup Report

A summary report of plant startup and power escalation testing shall be submitted following (1) receipt of an operating license, (2) amendment to the license involving a planned increase in power level, (3) installation of fuel that has a different design or has been manufactured by a different fuel supplier, and (4) modifications that may have significantly altered the nuclear, thermal, or hydraulic performance of the plant. The report shall address each of the tests identified in the FSAR and shall in general include a description of the measured values of the operating conditions or characteristics obtained during the test program and a comparison of these values with design predictions and specifications. Any corrective actions that were required to obtain satisfactory operation shall also be described. Any additional specific details required in license conditions based on other commitments shall be included in this report.

Startup reports shall be submitted within (1) 90 days following completion of the startup test program, (2) 90 days following resumption or commencement of commercial power operation, or (3) 9 months following initial criticality, whichever is earliest. If the Startup Report does not cover all three events (i.e., initial criticality, completion of startup test program, and resumption or commencement of commercial power operation), supplementary reports shall be submitted at least every three months until all three events have been completed.

2. Occupational Exposure Report.^{1/} An annual report of occupational exposure covering the previous calendar year shall be submitted prior to March 1 of each year.

The report should tabulate on an annual basis the number of station, utility and other personnel (including contractors) receiving exposures greater than 100 mrem/yr and their associated man-rem exposure according to work and job functions, e.g., reactor operations and surveillance, inservice inspection, routine maintenance, special maintenance (describe maintenance), waste processing, and refueling. The dose assignment to various duty functions may be estimates based on pocket dosimeter, TLD, or film badge measurements. Small exposures totalling less than 20% of the individual total dose need not be accounted for. In the aggregate, at least 80% of the total whole body dose received from external sources shall be assigned to specific major work functions.

3. Monthly Operating Report. A monthly report of operating statistics and shutdown experience covering the previous month shall be submitted by the 15th of the following month to the Office of Management Information and Program Control, U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

B. Reportable Occurrences

Reportable occurrences, including corrective actions and measures to prevent recurrence, shall be reported to the NRC. Supplemental reports may be required to fully describe final resolution of occurrence. In case of corrected or supplemental reports, a licensee event report shall be completed and reference shall be made to the original report date.

^{1/} This report supplements the requirements of 10CFR20, Section 20.407. If 10CFR20, Section 20.407 is revised to include such information, this Specification is unnecessary.



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 32 TO LICENSE NO. DPR-22

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

DOCKET NO. 50-263

INTRODUCTION

Regulatory Guide 1.16, "Reporting of Operating Information - Appendix A Technical Specifications", is the basis for reporting requirements found in Technical Specifications today. When these Technical Specifications were issued, we requested that licensees use the formats in the guide for the Licensee Event Report (LER) and Monthly Operating Report. In some cases licensees' use of these formats was required by a reference to Regulatory Guide 1.16 in the Technical Specifications. After two years of experience with the reporting requirements identified in this guide, we reviewed the scope of information licensees are required to submit in the LER, Annual Operating Report, Monthly Operating Report and Startup Report.

Based on our review of LER's, we developed a modified format for the LER to make this document more useful for evaluation purposes. By letters sent in July and August 1977, we informed licensees of the new LER format and requested that they use it. For those licensees who reference Regulatory Guide 1.16 in their Technical Specifications (Monticello does not) we also requested that they propose a change which would replace this reference with appropriate words from the guide and which would delete mandatory use of the reporting forms contained in the guide.

From our review of all licensee reports, we determined that much of the information found in the Annual Operating Report either is addressed in the LER's or Monthly Operating Reports, which are submitted in a more timely manner, or could be included in these reports with only a slight augmentation of the information already supplied. Therefore we concluded that the Annual Operating Report could be deleted as a Technical Specification requirement if certain additional information were provided in the Monthly Operating Reports. As a result, we sent letters during September 1977 to licensees informing them that a revised and improved format for Monthly Operating Reports was available and requested that they use it. For those licensees with the Technical Specification reference to Regulatory

Guide 1.16, the change deleting this reference, discussed above, would be necessary. In addition, licensees were informed that if they agreed to use the revised format they should submit a change request to delete the requirement for an Annual Operating Report except that occupational exposure data must still be submitted.

By letter dated October 31, 1977, Northern States Power Company (NSP) proposed an amendment to the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant operating license. This amendment would modify the Technical Specifications to delete the requirement for an Annual Operating Report, while retaining the existing requirement for an Annual Report of Occupational Exposure.

EVALUATION

The NSP has proposed to delete all but one of the four specified items in the Annual Operating Report. The report which tabulates occupational exposure on an annual basis is needed and, therefore, the requirement to submit this information has been retained. We have determined that the failed fuel examination information does not need to be supplied routinely by licensees because this type of historical data can be obtained in a compiled form from fuel vendors when needed. The information concerning forced reductions in power and outages will be supplied in the revised Monthly Operating Reports and the narrative summary of operating experience will be provided on a monthly basis in the Monthly Operating Report rather than annually. NSP has committed to use of the revised Monthly Operating Report format beginning with their report for January 1978, as we requested. We have concluded that all needed information will be provided and deletion of the Annual Operating Report is acceptable. We have also concluded that the additional five days requested for compilation and submittal of a more detailed Monthly Report is acceptable.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

We have determined that this amendment does not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the amendment involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact, and pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) that an environmental impact statement, or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

CONCLUSION

We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that:
(1) because the amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously considered and

and does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

Date: December 9, 1977

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-263NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANYNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO PROVISIONAL
OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 32 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22, issued to Northern States Power Company (the licensee), which revised the Technical Specifications for operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (the facility) located in Wright County, Minnesota. The amendment will become effective as of January 1, 1978.

The amendment revised the existing Monticello Technical Specifications to delete the requirement for an Annual Operating Report while retaining the specific requirement for an Annual Report of Occupational Exposure, and also modified the submittal date of the Monthly Operating Report to the 15th (vice 10th) of the month following the calendar month covered by the report.

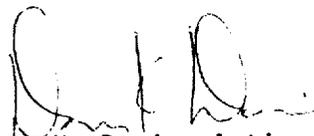
The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §1.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated October 31, 1977, (2) Amendment No. 32 to License No. DPR-22, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. 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 55401. A single copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this ninth day of December, 1977.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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