



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

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Docket Nos. 50-263,
50-282 and 50-306

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Dear Mr. Musolf:

SUBJECT: EXEMPTION REQUEST TO 10 CFR PART 73, APPENDIX B, SECTION IV.C
FOR THE MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT AND PRAIRIE ISLAND
NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

We have reviewed your letter dated August 5, 1985 requesting an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, Section IV.C.

In order to develop a basis on which to assess your exemption request, we intend to canvas several law enforcement agencies and firearms associations to determine current practices with regard to hip firing. If the results of this survey support deletion of this requirement, we will consider a rule change. Thus, we are deferring any action on your request for approximately two months so that we can obtain the needed background information. We will contact you again at that time to inform you of our course of action.

Sincerely,

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