

January 31, 2003

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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION REGARDING INTEGRATED VESSEL SURVEILLANCE
PROGRAM (TAC NO. MB6460)

Dear Mr. Forbes:

On January 8, 2003, the NRC staff participated in a telephone discussion with Mr. G. Park and others of your organization regarding your application for amendment dated September 19, 2002, to implement the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP) Integrated Surveillance Program (ISP). During this call, the NRC staff stated its understanding that, contrary to the schedule stated in the application, the topical report on the BWRVIP RAMA code would not be submitted to the NRC until well after December 2002. Therefore, it is highly unlikely that the NRC staff can complete its review of this code consistent with Monticello's refueling outage in the spring of 2003. The NRC staff requested that you clarify your proposed plans until such time as the RAMA code is approved. The NRC staff also requested that you specify your schedule for performing revised fluence calculations using NRC-approved methods. The NRC staff stated that use of Regulatory Guide 1.190, "Calculational and Dosimetry Methods For Determining Pressure Vessel Neutron Fluence," is acceptable and requested that you identify in the proposed Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR) your commitment to use a methodology consistent with RG 1.190.

Additionally, the NRC staff stated that the proposed marked-up change of the Monticello USAR does not provide a sufficient reference for the technical basis of the ISP. The NRC staff stated that, for this purpose, one acceptable method would be to reference Topical Report BWRVIP-86A, "BWR Vessel and Internals Project Updated BWR Integrated Surveillance Program (ISP) Implementation Plan," as published in October 2002. The NRC staff requested that the proposed marked-up USAR page be revised accordingly.

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During the call, it was also established that your response to this request for additional information within 30 days of your receipt of this letter would be acceptable. If you have questions regarding this letter, or if you should be unable to meet the response date, contact me at 301-415-3049 or by email at dsh@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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