

March 18, 2003

Mr. D. Wilson
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Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
2807 West County Road 755
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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
DRS INPUT TO INTEGRATED REPORT 50-263/02-05 ADDENDUM

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On September 30, 2002, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an integrated inspection at your Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. The inspection report No. 50-263/02-05 was issued on October 25, 2002. However, due to an error, one inspectable area was not appropriately documented. The enclosed addendum documents the additional inspection results not originally documented in the report. These additional inspection results were discussed on March 13, 2003, with Mr. Kevin Jepsen of your staff.

This inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to safety and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected records and interviewed personnel specifically relating to the public radiation safety performance indicator. The inspection activity was conducted by a regional radiation protection inspector over the period of August 19 through 23, 2002.

Based on the results of this inspection, no findings of significance were identified.

Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the NRC has issued two Orders (dated February 25, 2002, and January 7, 2003) and several threat advisories to licensees of commercial power reactors to strengthen licensee capabilities, improve readiness, and enhance access authorization. The NRC also issued Temporary Instruction 2515/148 on August 28, 2002, that provided guidance to inspectors to audit and inspect licensee implementation of the interim compensatory measures (ICMs) required by the February 25th Order. Phase 1 of TI 2515/148 was completed at all commercial nuclear power plants during 2002, and the remaining inspections are scheduled for completion in 2003. Additionally, table-top security drills were conducted at several licensees to evaluate the impact of expanded adversary characteristics and ICMs on licensee protection and mitigative strategies. Information gained and discrepancies identified during the audits and drills were reviewed and dispositioned by the Office of Nuclear Safety and Incident Response. For 2003, the NRC will

continue to monitor overall safeguards and security controls, conduct inspections, and perform force-on-force exercises at selected power plants. Should threat conditions change, the NRC may issue additional Orders, advisories, and temporary instructions to ensure adequate safety is being maintained at all commercial power reactors.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Bruce L. Burgess, Chief
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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION III

Docket No: 50-263
License No: DPR-22

Report No: 50-263/02-05 Addendum

Licensee: Nuclear Management Company, LLC

Facility: Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

Location: 2807 West Highway 75
Monticello, MN 55362

Dates: August 19 through 23, 2002

Inspectors: M. Mitchell, Radiation Specialist

Approved by: Kenneth Riemer, Chief
Branch 5
Division of Reactor Projects

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

IR 05000263-02-05 Addendum; Nuclear Management Company, LLC; on 07/01-09/30/2002, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. Routine Baseline Inspection Report.

This report addendum covers a period of baseline inspection from August 19 to 23 2002. The inspection was conducted by a regional radiation protection inspector. No findings of significance were identified. The significance of most findings is indicated by their color (Green, White, Yellow, Red) using Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0609, "Significance Determination Process" (SDP). Findings for which the SDP does not apply may be "Green" or be assigned a severity level after NRC management review. The NRC's program for overseeing the safe operation of commercial nuclear power reactors is described in NUREG-1649, "Reactor Oversight Process," Revision 3, dated July 2000.

A. Inspection Findings

Cornerstone: Public Radiation Safety

None

REPORT DETAILS

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES

40A1 Performance Indicator Verification (71151)

Cornerstone: Public Radiation Safety

.1 Public Radiation Safety Performance Indicator Verification

a. Inspection Scope

The inspector reviewed the licensee's assessment of its performance indicator (PI) for public radiation safety to determine if indicator related data was adequately assessed and reported. Since no reportable elements were identified by the licensee for the last four quarters, the inspector reviewed the licensee's data with the 2001 Radioactive Effluent Release Report and additionally, the inspector discussed items of operational significance to the effluent control program with the program staff, to verify that there were no occurrences concerning the public radiation safety cornerstone.

b. Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

40A6 Meetings

.1 Technical Debrief

A technical debrief was held by telephone with Mr. Kevin Jepsen on March 13, 2003.

KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

Licensee

M. Holmes, Chemistry and Environmental Superintendent
K. Jepsen, Radiation Protection Manager

LIST OF DOCUMENTS REVIEWED

2001 Radioactive Effluent Release Report; May 15, 2002

Abnormal-Release Calculations Week #52 of 2001; December 4, 2001