

January 30, 2004

Mr. T. Palmisano
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Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
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SUBJECT: PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PRAIRIE ISLAND AND MONTICELLO
2003 NRC INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATION HIGH FAILURE
RATES AND TRAINING PROGRAM CONCERNS

Dear Mr. Palmisano:

This refers to the public meeting held on January 28, 2004, in Lisle, Illinois, to discuss the Nuclear Management Company's (NMC) operator license applicant high failure rate for the 2003 NRC Initial Operator Licensing examinations at the Prairie Island and Monticello Nuclear Power Plants. At this meeting, Mr. Joel Sorensen and other NMC managers presented root cause and corrective action information concerning the high failure rate as well as material weaknesses identified in the Initial Operator License Training program at both Prairie Island and Monticello Nuclear Plants. This meeting served to facilitate NRC understanding of the issues leading up to the operator license examinations and your planned corrective actions to preclude recurrence associated with poor applicant performances on the NRC operator license examinations.

The handouts provided at the meeting by the NMC staff and a listing of principal NRC and NMC attendees are enclosed as Enclosures 1 and 2 to this letter.

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If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact me at (630) 829-9631.

Sincerely,

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Roger Lanksbury, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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

Enclosures: 1. NMC Handout (ADAMS Accession # ML040290846)
2. List of Principal Attendees

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Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health
R. Nelson, President
Minnesota Environmental Control Citizens
Association (MECCA)
Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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PUBLIC MEETING PRINCIPAL ATTENDEES

January 28, 2004

Nuclear Management Company, LLC

Joel Sorensen	Vice-President Corporate Training, NMC
Tom Palmisano	Site Vice-President, Monticello
Joseph Solymossy	Site Vice-President, Prairie Island
Ed Weinkam	Director Regulatory Services, NMC
Mike Werner	Plant Manager, Prairie Island
Jim Lash	Training Manager, Prairie Island
Gabe Salamon	Regulatory Affairs Manager, Prairie Island
Bruce MacKissock	Operations Manager, Monticello
John Grubb	Business Manager, Monticello
William Cheever	Training Manager, Monticello
Douglas Neve	Regulatory Affairs Manager, Monticello

NRC

Cynthia Pederson	Director, Division of Reactor Safety (DRS)
Roger Lanksbury	Chief, Operations Branch, DRS
Bruce Burgess	Chief, Branch 2, Division of Reactor Projects (DRP)
Charles Phillips	Senior Operations Engineer, Operations Branch, DRS
Hironori Peterson	Senior Operations Engineer, Operations Branch, DRS