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Duane Arnold Energy Center Docket 50-331 and 72-032 License No. DPR-49

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Docket 50-263 License No. DPR-22

Palisades Nuclear Plant Dockets 50-255 and 72-007 License No. DPR-20 Point Beach Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 Dockets 50-266, 50-301 and 72-005 License Nos. DPR-24 and DPR-27

Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Units 1 and 2 Dockets 50-282, 50-306 and 72-010 License Nos. DPR-40 and DPR-60 SNM License No. SNM-2506

Notification of Intent to Apply the Nuclear Management Company (NMC) Quality Assurance Topical Report, NMC-1, to Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI), Spent Fuel Cask and Radioactive Waste Shipment Activities at NMC Operated Plants

- References: 1) NMC letter to NRC, "Request for Approval of Nuclear Management Company Quality Assurance Topical Report," dated October 31, 2003.
  - NRC letter to NMC, "Approval of Nuclear Management Company Request for a Reduction in Commitment in Quality Assurance Program Regarding Offsite Review Committees," (TAC No. MB7157) dated January 13, 2005.
  - NRC letter to NMC, "Approval of Nuclear Management Company Quality Assurance Topical Report," (TAC Nos. MC1309, MC1310, MC1311, MC1312, MC1313, MC1314, MC1315, MC1316) dated March 24, 2005.

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In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 72.140(d) and 10 CFR 71.101(f), Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) is notifying the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of its intent to apply the quality assurance program described in the NMC Quality Assurance Topical Report, NMC-1, to the control of Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI), spent fuel storage casks, and radioactive waste shipping activities at plants for which NMC holds the Operating License.

The 10 CFR 50, Appendix B quality assurance program described in NMC Quality Assurance Topical Report, NMC-1 (QATR) was submitted for NRC review and approval on October 31, 2003 (Reference 1) under the above listed dockets. NRC approved the NMC QATR in Safety Evaluations dated January 13, 2005, and March 24, 2005 (References 2 and 3). NMC issued the QATR internally for implementation on March 31, 2005, and will complete implementation by December 24, 2005.

The NMC QATR contains within it the commitment to apply its provisions to the cited activities. Upon completion of QATR implementation, NMC will control ISFSI, spent fuel storage cask and radioactive waste shipping activities at each site under the quality assurance program established in the QATR in lieu of the quality assurance programs formerly approved and established at each site (See Enclosure 1). Also, for NMC operated nuclear plant sites that establish ISFSIs in the future, NMC will apply the quality assurance program described in the QATR to the ISFSI activities and spent fuel storage casks at those sites.

This letter contains no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.

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Enclosure

## Enclosure 1 Applicability of Past QA Programs to Existing or Planned ISFSIs

Plant	Previous QA Program (date of last NRC approval)	Applied During Existing or Planned ISFSI Phases of:
Palisades 50-255 72-007	CPC-2A, Quality Assurance Program Description, Part 2 (4/18/1997)	Design, Fabrication, Installation, Loading, Monitoring
Prairie Island 50-28250-306 72-010 SNM-2506	Operational Quality Assurance Plan (5/16/2001)	Design, Fabrication, Installation, Loading, Monitoring
Duane Arnold Energy Center 50-331 72-032	UFSAR, 17.2.0, Quality Assurance During the Operations Phase (06/01/1998)	Design, Fabrication, Installation, Loading, Monitoring
Point Beach 50-266 50-301 72-005	UFSAR, 1.4, Quality Assurance Program (1/13/1999)	Design, Fabrication, Installation, Loading, Monitoring
Monticello 50-263	Operational Quality Assurance Plan (5/16/2001)	Design

**NOTE:** NMC-1, *Quality Assurance Topical Report*, will apply to activities associated with existing or planned ISFSIs.