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Mr. Timothy J. O'Connor
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SUBJECT: UPCOMING MONTICELLO PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION (PI&R) INSPECTION

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

On October 20, 2008, the NRC will begin the biennial Problem Identification and Resolution (PI&R) Inspection at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. This inspection will be performed in accordance with the NRC baseline Inspection Procedure 71152.

Experience has shown that these inspections are extremely resource intensive, both for the NRC inspectors and the utility staff. In order to minimize the impact that the inspection has on the site and to ensure a productive inspection, we have enclosed a request for documents needed for the inspection.

We will also be evaluating your progress in addressing the declining trend in human performance. Specifically, the staff identified issues in the aspects associated with sufficient resources not always being available [H.2(c)] and with operations human performance [H.1(a)].

The documents requested are copies of condition reports and lists of information, necessary in order to ensure the inspection team is adequately prepared for the inspection. The documents should be ready for NRC review by September 30, 2008. Mr. Nirodh Shah, the lead inspector, will contact your staff to determine the best method of providing the information to the inspectors.

If there are any questions about the material requested, or the inspection in general, please call Nirodh Shah at 630-829-9821.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document

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Sincerely,

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Requested Information to Support
Problem Identification and Resolution (PI&R) Inspection
(It is preferred that the information be provided on a compact disc, if possible.)

1. A copy of the administrative procedure(s) related to the identification and resolution of problems – initiation, evaluation, and correction. Include procedures for the corrective action process, trending program, quality assurance audit program, self-assessment program, corrective action effectiveness review program, and industry operating experience review program.

2. Scheduled date/time/location of all meetings associated with implementation of the corrective action program, such as Condition Report (CR) screening meetings, corrective action review board meetings, etc.

3. The total number of CRs generated annually and by department going back to October 2006.

4. A list of CRs generated as a result of identified trends (either by station or department) since October 2006. Include a brief description of the trend, how identified (internal or external), when it was identified, and whether the CR is open or closed.

5. A copy of nuclear quality assurance audits and departmental self-assessments of the corrective action program completed since October 2006.

6. A chronological list of nuclear quality assurance audits and departmental self-assessments completed for all departments since October 2006, including those performed to assess safety-culture.

7. A chronological list of operability determinations performed since October 2006.

8. A copy of all apparent cause evaluations and root cause evaluations performed since October 2006. Include the associated operability evaluation, if applicable.

9. A chronological list of CRs initiated since October 2006, sorted by significance level. Include a brief description and whether the CR is open or closed.

10. A copy of the latest corrective action program performance indicators.

11. Any performance indicators associated with backlog of corrective maintenance items.

12. A chronological list of operating experience documents received since October 2006 and any associated condition reports.

13. A chronological list of condition reports issued since October 2006 where the NRC was the identifying organization. This list should include Non-Cited and minor violations, and findings, regardless of whether there was an associated violation. Please provide a brief description and whether the issue is open or closed.

14. A chronological list of all Licensee Event Reports issued since October 2006, with a brief description of the affected components or systems.

15. A list of current Maintenance Rule a(1) systems and a list of those systems that entered a(1) since October 2006, but which were returned to a(2) status. Include a copy of the current system health report for those systems now is (a)(1).

16. A list of all 50.59 evaluations performed since October 2006.

17. A list of open temporary modifications, operability determinations, control room deficiencies, and operator workarounds.

18. Have available for review and use a copy of the Quality Assurance manual.

19. Have available for review and use a copy of the organization chart and phone listing.

20. Have available for review and use a copy of the FSAR and TS/TRM, including the Bases.

21. Have available for review and use a set of system prints (P&IDs).