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March 10, 2010

Mr. Timothy J. O'Connor
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**SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION FOR AN NRC POST-APPROVAL SITE INSPECTION FOR
LICENSE RENEWAL**

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

On June 28, 2010, the NRC will begin a Post-Approval Site Inspection For License Renewal. A team of five inspectors will perform a 3-week Phase 2 inspection in accordance with NRC Inspection Procedure (IP) 71003. This inspection will include two weeks on-site, the week of June 28, 2010 and the week of July 12, 2010.

This inspection will focus on verifying that license conditions added as part of the renewed license, license renewal commitments, and selected aging management programs are implemented in accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 54, "Requirements for the Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants."

In order to minimize the inspection impact on the site and to ensure a productive inspection for both parties, we have enclosed a request for information needed for the inspection. It is important that all of these documents are up to date and complete in order to minimize the number of additional documents requested during the preparation and/or the on-site portions of the inspection. Insofar as possible, this information should be provided electronically to the lead inspector. The information request has been divided into two groups:

- The first group lists information necessary for our initial inspection scoping and in-office preparation activities. During the in-office preparation activities, the team will identify as much as possible the information and activities to be reviewed during the inspection. This information should be provided to the lead inspector by June 11, 2010.
- The second group includes the additional information required for the team to review the selected activities. This information should be available to the team onsite June 28, 2010. It is also requested that corrective action documents and/or questions developed during the inspection be provided to the lead inspector as the documents are generated.

The lead inspector for this inspection is Mrs. Caroline Tilton. We understand that our Regulatory Affairs contact for this inspection is Mr. Ron Baumer of your organization. If there are any questions about the inspection or the material requested in the enclosure, please contact Dr. Stuart Sheldon at (630) 829-9727 or via e-mail at Stuart.Sheldon@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Jamie Benjamin, Acting Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

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

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

POST-APPROVAL SITE INSPECTION FOR LICENSE RENEWAL

Inspection Report: 05000263/2010008 (DRS)

Inspection Dates: June 28, 2010 – July 16, 2010

Inspection Procedure: IP 71003 “Post-Approval Site Inspection for License Renewal”

Lead Inspector: Caroline Tilton, Lead Inspector
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I. Information Requested Prior to the On-site Inspection Week

The following information is requested by June 11, 2010, or sooner, to facilitate inspection preparation. If you have any questions regarding this information, please call Dr. Sheldon as soon as possible. (Please provide the information electronically in “pdf” files, Excel, or other searchable formats, preferably on some portable electronic media (e.g. CDROM, DVD, flash drive, etc.). The portable electronic media should contain descriptive names, and be indexed and hyperlinked to facilitate ease of use. Information in “lists” should contain enough information to be easily understood by someone who has knowledge of light water reactor technology).

1. Provide a list of your license renewal commitments with the completion status of each. If a commitment is not complete, please provide an anticipated completion date.
2. For each complete commitment, please provide documentation demonstrating that the commitment has been completed.
3. For any commitment that has been changed, please provide documentation of the commitment change process, and any associated justification.
4. Provide a list of your Aging Management Programs (AMPs), copies of the program basis documents for each, and a listing of the action tracking items for each.
5. For AMPs that are one-time inspection programs, provide a list of completed work order numbers for inspections that have been completed. This may be incorporated with the previous item.
6. Provide a list of any “newly identified” structures, systems and components (SSCs) pursuant to 10 CFR 54.37(b) and RIS-2007-16.

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7. Provide a copy of your updated final safety analysis report (UFSAR), or UFSAR update which includes descriptions of your AMPs.
8. Provide copies of any internal/external self-assessments and associated corrective action documents generated in preparation for the inspection.

II. Information requested to be available when the inspectors arrive on-site on June 28, 2010 and during the inspection.

1. Documentation demonstrating completion of license renewal commitments that are complete as of the inspection date. For example, this may be in the form of a binder for each commitment which includes the implementing documentation and references.
2. Copies of any corrective action documents generated as a result of the team's questions or queries during this inspection. (Provide daily during the inspection to the team lead and each team member).
3. Copies of the list of questions submitted by the team members and the status/resolution of the information requested (provide daily during the inspection to each team member).

If you have questions regarding the information requested, please contact the Dr. Sheldon. It may also help to review the IP 71003 frequently asked questions which are available at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/introduction/inspections/faq-ip71003.html>

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