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Donald A. Schuelke Radiation Safety Officer Northern States Power Company Licensing and Management Issues 414 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55401

Dear Mr. Schuelke:

This refers to your NRC byproduct material license no. 22-08799-09 and to my unsuccessful attempts to reach you by telephone over the past several weeks.

An internal review has necessitated that we contact you to obtain a total overall possession limit for the authorization in Subitem Nos. 6 through 9 B. of your license, which currently states "not to exceed concentrations specified in 10 CFR 30.70 for any given isotope."

We are unable to consider "not to exceed concentrations specified in 10 CFR 30.70 for any given isotope" as a possession limit and we will need an actual possession limit number in units of microcuries (or millicuries), such as "ten microcuries total possession," for example.

Please submit a written response, within 15 days of the date of this letter, requesting a specific total overall possession limit for this authorization in Subitem No. 8.B. We will then amend your license to incorporate this possession limit. If this timeframe is insufficient, please contact me immediately to make alternative arrangements.

Please also provide current telephone numbers that we may use to reach you directly. Over the past several weeks I tried to reach you using four different telephone numbers from our recent files for this license and none of them were functional. As you know, we must have a rapid and reliable means of reaching our licensees at all times.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this amendment please contact me at either (800) 829-9500, ext. 9841 or (630) 829-9841. My fax number is (630) 515-1078.

D. Schuelke

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Sincerely,

Colleen Carol Casey

Materials Licensing Branch

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