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All licensed nuclear power reactors are regulated by the AEC with respect to matters of radiological health and safety during their entire periods of operation. In addition to conducting in-depth safety reviews when applications are received for power reactor construction permits and operating licenses, the AEC carries out periodic inspections of these reactors during both the construction period and the operating period thereafter to assure that license conditions and the requirements of AEC regulations are being met. More detailed information on the licensing and regulation of nuclear power reactors, and the safety features provided in the design, construction and operation of these facilities is contained in the enclosed booklets, "Licensing of Power Reactors" and "Atomic Power Safety."

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and the common defense and security, certain of the matters mentioned in your letter are outside the jurisdiction of the Commission. These matters do, however, fall within the jurisdiction of appropriate agencies of the State of Minnesota.

Sincerely yours

( stamped ) Harold E. Price

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Director of Regulation

Enclosures

1. "Licensing of Power Reactors"
2. "Atomic Power Safety"

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