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Req info in connection with NSP's refusal to allow his students to visit Monticello on the basis that it was against AEC regulations

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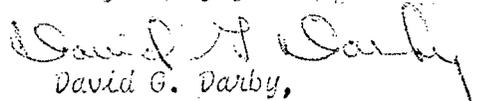
Dear Sir:

Last July, I wrote to Northern States Power Company in Minneapolis requesting permission to tour their nuclear power plant at Monticello, Minnesota (copy attached). I am teaching a course in Environmental Geology and consider that some knowledge of nuclear electrical power generation is essential in understanding the options available to the United States for the future. My students would have benefited greatly from a personal experience of visiting a plant and having the opportunity to ask questions of an informed, experienced person.

Not receiving an answer to my letter and after several 'phone calls, I was finally informed that such a tour by a dozen persons was not possible. The lady who so informed me stated that their refusal was due to A.E.C. regulations. If this is true, I am dismayed my university students, some of graduate standing, can have no opportunity to study the operation of a nuclear power plant. I would like to be informed of the regulation which prevents such tours, and if there are exceptions. I would greatly appreciate your help in this matter.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, I remain

Very truly yours,


David G. Darby,
Associate Professor

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July 25, 1971

Mr. J. W. Hoffmann
Vice President for Public Relations
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

I am teaching a graduate level course on Environmental Geology at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. In conjunction with our studies of non-renewable energy sources, we have briefly discussed nuclear power as the only evident solution for future needs.

To provide more knowledge concerning the generation of nuclear power we would like to visit your plant at Monticello. We are interested in the engineering and scientific techniques employed at the present plant, the potential for fusion reactors etc., and the safety and environmental problems. The students are a very mixed lot as far as their backgrounds in science are concerned; some have nearly none. They will have been briefed in the basics of radioactive decay, fission and fusion reactions and radioactive and thermal effluent problems.

What I would like them to gain from the visit is an appreciation for the need for nuclear power energy, an intelligent understanding of the techniques and problems of nuclear power generation and the potentials and needs for the future. What I would like them to lose, if they have it, is the often unreasoned opposition to nuclear power energy production.

There would be twelve students plus myself. We would like to come in the early afternoon on either the 12th or 15th of August. Other dates can be arranged to suit your convenience.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future.

Very truly yours,

David G. Barby
Associate Professor