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Docket No. 50-263

Northern States Power Company
 ATTN: Mr. Leo Wachter
 Vice President
 Power Production and
 System Operation
 414 Nicollet Mall
 Minneapolis, MN 55401

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated July 20, 1977, informing us of the steps you have taken to correct the noncompliance identified in our letter dated July 6, 1977. We will examine your corrective action during a future inspection.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

James M. Allan, Chief
 Fuel Facility and
 Materials Safety Branch

cc: Mr. L. R. Eliason,
 Plant Manager

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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401

July 20, 1977

Mr. James M. Allan, Chief
Fuel Facility and Materials Safety Branch
Region III
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Allan:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

Your letter of July 6, 1977, identified one item which appeared to be in non-compliance with NRC requirements and requested that we reply within 20 days of the receipt of your letter. The non-compliance, as stated, was:

Contrary to Technical Specification 6.5 and Section E.1.4.III.C.1 of the Operations Manual, Portable Dose Rate Survey Instruments were being calibrated annually.

Approximately six months ago, an evaluation of our portable survey instrument calibration and test program indicated that an annual calibration schedule would be more suitable than the semi-annual schedule existing at that time. The monthly functional tests indicated that the instruments had maintained their calibration over a long period of time. The functional tests will indicate the need for instrument recalibration if it is required prior to the annual calibration. The Computer Program was changed to provide for an annual calibration schedule; however, the description of our calibration program in Section E.1.4.III.C.1 of the Operations Manual was not revised to reflect the change to an annual calibration schedule.

The Operations Manual is presently being revised to indicate that the calibrations are performed on an annual basis. It is expected that the revision will be distributed by July 29, 1977. This will allow full compliance with the requirement that our portable survey instrument calibration program be in agreement with the description contained in the Operations Manual.

Should you have any questions concerning our response, please communicate directly with the plant management.

Yours very truly,


L. J. Wachter

Vice President - Power Production
and System Operation

cc: Mr. Victor Stello
Mr. G. Charnoff
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Attention: Mr. J. W. Ferman

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