

UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION III  
799 ROOSEVELT ROAD  
GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS 60137

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

Docket No. 50-263

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated December 30, 1975, informing us of the steps you have taken to correct the item of noncompliance which we brought to your attention in our letter dated December 8, 1975. We will examine this matter during a subsequent inspection.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Gaston Fiorelli, Chief  
Reactor Operations and  
Nuclear Support Branch

cc: C. E. Larson, Plant  
Manager

bcc w/ltr dtd 12/30/75:

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Local PDR

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**NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY**

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401

December 30, 1975

Mr. Gaston Fiorelli, Chief  
Reactor Operations Branch  
Region III  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
799 Roosevelt Road  
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Fiorelli:

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant  
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

Your letter of December 8, 1975, identified one item which appeared to be an infraction of NRC requirements and requested that we reply to the infraction within 20 days of the receipt of your letter. The infraction, as stated, was:

Contrary to Technical Specification 6.5, a corrective maintenance procedure, NPT-US-1, Nuclear Penetrant Testing Procedure, was used without Operations Committee review and approval by a member of plant management designated by the plant manager.

Non-Destructive Testing Procedures, In-Service Inspection Procedures, and Welding Procedures are normally provided to the plant in approved form by the responsible NSP General Office departments. Departmental approval of the procedures is considered appropriate since, in some cases, plant personnel may not possess expertise in the subjects of the special process procedures. Also, it was not fully recognized that these procedures, including the referenced Nuclear Penetrant Testing Procedure, are to be included as part of the review requirements of Technical Specification 6.5.

Administrative measures will be established by General Office and plant personnel to assure that the special process procedures will be reviewed by the Operations Committee and approved by a member of plant management designated by the Plant Manager.

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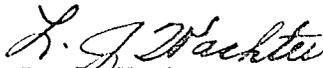
Mr. Gaston Fiorelli

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December 30, 1975

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

Yours very truly,



L. J. Wachter

Vice President - Power Production  
and System Operation

cc: Mr. R. S. Boyd  
Mr. G. Charnoff  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
Attention: Mr. J. W. Ferman