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Dear Mr. Musolf:

NUREG-0654, Table B-1, "Minimum Staffing Requirements for Nuclear Power Plant Emergencies", states that each licensee should have qualified radiation chemistry technicians on full-time shift by July 1, 1982. By letter dated May 7, 1982, Northern States Power Company (NSP) requested an extension until February 1, 1983 when these requirements will be implemented for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant.

NSP has been hiring individuals who meet the ANSI N18.1-1971 two-year working experience requirement. To assure that they are fully qualified before assigned to regular shift duties, the technicians will receive additional training which is expected to take six to seven months.

For the interim period, until the radiation chemistry technicians are trained and assigned on shift, NSP is providing the following emergency plan radiation chemistry coverage:

1. The health physics technicians now on shift are trained in emergency plan chemistry procedures;
2. Non-shift health physics technicians are trained in emergency plan chemistry procedures; and
3. A non-shift, fully trained radiation chemistry technician or health physics technician will be on call with a radio-pager such that the person can respond to a plant emergency within 30 minutes.

These interim provisions appear to be adequate in providing shift coverage in emergency plan chemistry procedures.

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Since NSP appears to have made, and to be making, a good-faith effort to staff the Monticello operating shifts with qualified radiation chemistry technicians, we extend the implementation date from July 1, 1982 to not later than February 1, 1983.

Sincerely,

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