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SUBJECT: Requests exemption from requirements of 10CFR50, App E, Section IV, F re scheduling of annual emergency plan exercise. Outage scheduled for 840203-0915. Approval of 841205 exercise date requested.

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MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
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Request for Relief from the Requirements of
Section IV.F of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50

The purpose of this letter is to request, in accordance with the provision of 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.12, an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F. Northern States Power Company requests a one-time relief from the schedule requirements of an annual emergency plan exercise at Monticello. The request is made because of the extended outage required for the replacement of the recirculation piping at Monticello.

We anticipate that the plant will be in an outage from February 3, 1984 until September 15, 1984 with additional time required for outage preparation and recovery. The scope of the outage, personnel requirements, and its effect on the site precludes holding an emergency plan exercise concurrently. In support of the exemption from the annual exercise requirement, the following information is provided:

1. Northern States Power Company, in conjunction with state and local governments, has participated in three successful exercises, the most recent occurred on February 23, 1983.
2. The plant will not be operating during the period of the outage since it is a single unit plant.
3. The emergency plan will remain fully operational and the normally required training will continue throughout the required period of exemption.
4. Northern States Power Company, the State of Minnesota and the Counties of Wright and Sherburne have agreed to conduct an exercise December 5, 1984.
5. If granted, the exemption request will allow all participants, including the NRC and FEMA evaluators, to plan their schedules to support the December 5, 1984 date.

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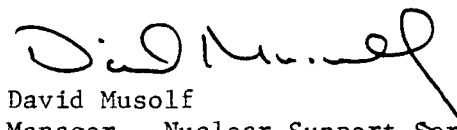
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6. An exercise is planned at our Prairie Island Plant for March 13, 1984. This exercise will involve participation by NRC personnel and will involve NSP personnel from both plants and our corporate office.

The record regarding past joint exercises and the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) ratings for our emergency preparedness program are very good. Therefore, a delay in performing the annual emergency preparedness exercise will not adversely affect the overall state of emergency preparedness at Monticello.

Please contact us if you have any questions related to this request, or if we can furnish additional information.


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