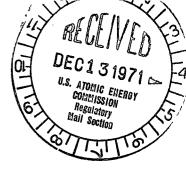
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9 December 1971

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Mr. Lester Rogers
Director, Division of Radiological
and Environmental Protection
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Your letter of 9 November 1971, Docket No. 50-263, regarding review of supplemental environmental information for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, addressed to the Office, Chief of Engineers, has been referred to this office for reply since the plant is located in this District.

The referenced impact statement has been reviewed, and the following comments are furnished for your consideration. In discussing the environmental impact of the proposed action, no reference was made to the biota affected by the construction of the cooling water intake and discharge structures. For instance, the vegetation and some forms of animal life were affected in one way or another, some temporarily, others permanently. In addition, some turbidity would have resulted from the dredging operations, which also could have had some effect on the benthos populations in the river. A brief description of the biota in the general vicinity of the generating plant might be helpful in more completely assessing the impact on the environment.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR E. WILLIAMS

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