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Gentlemen:

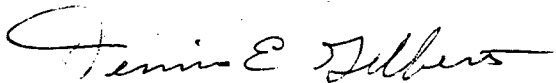
MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT  
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

This letter is sent to you pursuant to Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations and in response to Inspection Report No. 50-263/80-08 which cited an apparent non-compliance with NRC requirements.

The requirement cited, 49CFR 173.392(c)(e), states that "The outside of each outside package must be stencilled or otherwise marked Radioactive LSA". Our documentation of the shipment indicates that the labels were applied and were in place when the shipment left our site. In addition, this fact is attested to in the Certification Statement signed by the carrier. Referring to 49CFR 177.815, the responsibility for replacing lost or destroyed labels is placed on the carrier. Therefore, we feel that we were in full compliance with NRC requirements and should not be cited.

Nevertheless, measures for preventing a recurrence have been instituted. On shipments by open transport vehicle, (1) labels are reinforced with tape, (2) redundant labels are applied, and (3) an extra set of labels is provided to the carrier with instructions for their use.

Respectfully,



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