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Docket No. 50-263(DPRP)

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Dennis E. Gilberts
Sr. Vice President
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs C. H. Brown and A. L. Madison of this office on December 1, 1981, through February 26, 1982, of activities at Monticello Nuclear Generating Station authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-22 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. W. A. Shamla and others of his staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection it was determined that you were in noncompliance with NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Appendix, when the action statement requirement of the fire pump LCO was not satisfied. Violations of this type are normally classified as Severity Level III items of noncompliance and as such usually result in a proposed civil penalty. However, since the other two pumps were demonstrated to be operable prior and subsequent to removing the third pump from service and since the reactor had been shutdown for approximately two months, this noncompliance is being classified as Severity Level IV. We want to emphasize our concern with your failure to recognize that the plant was not meeting a limiting condition for operation and that daily surveillance of the remaining two fire pumps was required. Management personnel who approved the fire pump maintenance did not recognize that there was a potential to violate a technical specification and your work request authorization system also failed to identify that the maintenance placed the plant in an LCO action statement condition. Your response should address these matters and provide an assessment of the adequacy of your work request authorization system along with an assessment of the familiarity of your plant personnel with that system. Future recurrence of similar violations will result in escalated enforcement action.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractors) believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within ten (10) days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within twenty-five (25) days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. If your receipt of this letter has been delayed such that less than seven (7) days are available for your review, please notify this office promptly so that a new due date may be established. Consistent with Section 2.790(b)(1), any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons which are the bases for the claim that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
James G. Keppler
James G. Keppler
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Appendix, Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-263/81-26(DPRP)

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