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Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson
Vice President, Nuclear
Generation
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Ms. M. J. Smith and others of this office on September 29 through October 1, 1987, of activities at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, authorized by NRC Operation License No. DPR-22 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. W. Shamla and others of your 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.

No violations of NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection.

During the exit interview, we received verbal commitments that your staff will upgrade your method of developing exercise scenarios to include a technical review by plant and corporate operations and radiological personnel in an effort to improve the quality and consistency of inplant and offsite impact data. We also received a commitment to adequately train your controllers in an effort to eliminate controller prompting problems which have been evident during the last two NRC-observed exercises. Actions taken to fulfill these commitments will be reviewed in a subsequent inspection.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

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W. D. Shafer, Chief
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Enclosure: Inspection Report
No. 50-263/87011(DRSS)

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