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Docket No. 50-263

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson
Vice President, Nuclear
Generation
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection of the environmental qualification of electric equipment conducted by Mr. A. S. Gautam and other NRC representatives of this office on October 26, 1987 through January 28, 1988, at the Monticello Nuclear Plant authorized by NRC License No. DPR-22 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. Mike Hammer 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, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice. A written response is required.

Although the inspection determined that you have implemented a program to meet the requirements of 10 CFR 50.49, four significant deficiencies in the program implementation were observed. These findings are classified as Potential Enforcement/Unresolved Items and an ongoing NRC review is being performed to evaluate these findings in regard to possible future enforcement action.

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.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-411.

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

Sincerely,

[Signature] Signed by J. J. Harrison

J. J. Harrison, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-263/87013(DRS)

cc w/enclosures:

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