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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 special safety inspection conducted by Mr. F. Maura and Ms. A. M. Bongiovanni of this office on August 15-25, 1988, 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. Shamla at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and records, inspection of hardware, and interviews with personnel in order to determine the adequacy of your evaluation and corrective actions regarding RCIC system problems, and of items identified during the SSFI conducted on the core spray system in 1987.

No violations of NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection. While all the problems with the RCIC system have not been completely resolved, we have determined that the system is presently capable of performing its designed function.

In accordance with 10 CFT 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

Dinginal signed by geolegrey C. Wright

G. C. Wright, Chief Operations Branch

Enclosure: Inspection Report No. 50-263/88015(DRS)

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