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Docket No. 50-263

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. L. R. Eliason
Vice President, Nuclear
Generation
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Dear Mr. Eliason:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. S. Ray and W. Stearns of this office on July 16 through August 27, 1991, of activities at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Station authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-22 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. M. H. Clarity and others 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.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities related to the operation of the fire protection jockey pump appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation. Certain other of your activities concerning failure to post a Notice of Violation concerning radiological working conditions and failure to control the design basis appeared to be violations of NRC requirements. However the former violation was categorized as Severity Level V and the latter was licensee-identified. They are not being cited because the criteria specified in Sections V.A and V.G of the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," were satisfied.

In addition, several issues concerning fire protection were reviewed during the inspection. Although your investigations have resolved the issues to your satisfaction, they are considered unresolved items pending an inspection by a regional fire protection specialist.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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

Sincerely,

"Original Signed by Brent Clayton"

Brent Clayton, Chief,
Reactor Projects Branch 2

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-263/91015(DRP)

cc w/enclosure:

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W. Hill, Plant Manager

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