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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401

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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 263 License No. DPR-22

PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 50-282 License No. DPR-42
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Emergency Preparedness

Mr Grimes' letter of November 29, 1979 to all power reactor licensees requested estimates of the time required for evacuation of areas near nuclear power plants under emergency conditions. The request entails one set of estimates for our Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant and another set for our Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. The attachment to your letter detailed the extent of the information and specified a format for reporting. The requested information is in addition to the plant, state, and local Emergency Plans that have been drafted and furnished to you in response to Mr Eisenhut's letter of October 10, 1979.

We have secured assistance in developing this information from the Minnesota Division of Emergency Services (DES) which is the entity of state government responsible for coordinating all emergency preparedness activities. To assemble the required information, the Minnesota DES has enlisted the aid of several units of state government including the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The work is underway but due to the very extensive and detailed requirements, the information cannot be made available by your requested date of January 31, 1980.

Unfortunately there is no existing methodology for developing this information so substantial basic development work is required. In addition, as pointed out in your request letter, each site and its environs have unique characteristics that must be factored into the effort. Taking into account the extensive basic work required and the substantial field data that must

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be incorporated, we estimate that a four week extension of time is required to furnish the requested information. In any case the effort will necessarily be based on many generalized assumptions so the results, with an inherent large error band, may not be too useful.

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