

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
DOCKET NO. 50-263
NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 72 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-22, issued to the Northern States Power Company (the licensee), which revised the Technical Specifications for operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, located in Wright County, Minnesota. The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendment (1) revises the reactor vessel pressure vs. temperature curves for consistency with Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.99; (2) adds requirements for augmented inservice inspection of piping susceptible to intergranular stress corrosion cracking; and (3) revises the requirements for the periodic Type A containment integrated leak rate test to permit the use of the mass point test method approved by the Commission in a change to 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, as published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on November 15, 1968 (53 FR 45891).

The licensee's application for the amendment dated March 31, 1989, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings, as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing in connection with this action was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on June 1, 1989 (54 FR 23553). No request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to this action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of this amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for the amendment dated March 31, 1989, (2) Amendment No. 72 to License No. DPR-22, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation and (4) the Environmental Assessment dated October 11, 1989 (54 FR 71701). All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Projects - III, IV, V and Special Projects.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of November 2, 1989.

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