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Docket No. 50-263

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Dennis E. Gilberts
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Messrs. C. H. Brown and A. L. Madison of this office on August 1-31, 1980, of activities at Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant 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 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 noncompliance with NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Appendices A and B. The inspection showed that action had been taken to correct the identified noncompliance and to prevent recurrence. Consequently, no reply to this noncompliance is required and we have no further questions regarding this matter at this time.

Some areas examined during the inspection concern a subject matter which is exempt from disclosure according to Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Consequently, Appendix B to this letter and Attachment A of our report of this inspection will not be placed in the Public Document Room.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter with Appendix A only, and the enclosed inspection report without Attachment A will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, except as follows.

ATTACHMENT CONTAINS
10 CFR 2.790 (d) INFORMATION

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If this report contains information that you or your contractors believe to be proprietary, you must apply in writing to this office, within twenty days of your receipt of this letter, to withhold such information from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons for which the information is considered proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in an enclosure to the application.

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

Sincerely,

R F Heishman for

R. F. Heishman, Chief
Reactor Operations and
Nuclear Support Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice
of Violation
2. Appendix B, Notice
of Violation (Part
2.790(d) Info.)
3. IE Inspection Report No.
50-263/80-16, (Attach.
A to Rpt Part 2.790(d) Info.)

cc w/encl:

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cc w/encl: 1 & 3 w/o Attach. A
to Rpt, (Part 2.790(d) Info.)

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