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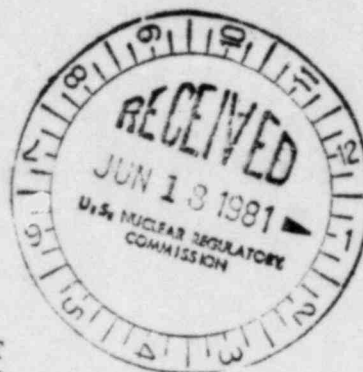
D. E. Gilberts
Senior Vice President
Power Supply

May 22, 1981

Mr. James G. Keppler, Director
Region III
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Mr. Keppler:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22
Response to I. E. Bulletin No. 81-03



Current field monitoring programs indicate that the asiatic clam Corbicula sp. is not present in the water supply (Mississippi River) to the Monticello Nuclear Power Plant. Since the mussel Mytilus sp. is found only in salt water, it will not be found in the fresh water intake of the Monticello Plant.

The EPA - Monticello Ecological Research Station and Northern States Power Company's Ecological Studies Department are conducting ongoing studies associated with aquatic life in the Mississippi River (adjacent to the Monticello Plant) and have not detected the presence of this asiatic clam. These agencies have been alerted to the danger of the presence of these clams and will inform the plant should the clam be detected. In all likelihood, if these clams are to appear in the NSP system, they will show up at the Prairie Island plant first, since it is located about 70 miles downstream and we would be forewarned of their invasion into the area. The presence of the Coon Rapids Dam located 30 miles downstream of the Monticello Plant would effectively block or delay the upstream migration (by attachment of clams to boats).

Yours truly,

D. E. Gilberts
Senior Vice President
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LETTER DATED MAY 22, 1981
RESPONDING TO NRC REQUEST
FOR INFORMATION IN I. E. BULLETIN NO. 81-03

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, by this letter dated May 22, 1981, hereby submits information in response to NRC request for information concerning I. E. Bulletin No. 81-03.

This request contains no restricted or other defense information.

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By: D. E. Gilberts
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Senior Vice President
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On this 22nd day of May, 19 81, before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared D. E. Gilberts, Senior Vice President Power Supply, and being first duly sworn acknowledged that he is authorized to execute this document on behalf of Northern States Power Company, that he knows the contents thereof, and that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the statements made in it are true and that it is not interposed for delay.

Jeanne M. Hacker

