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Docket No. 50-263

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Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Leo Wachter
Vice President
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Dr. M. J. Oestmann of this office on February 15-18, 1977, of activities at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant authorized by NRC Provisional Operating License No. DPL-22 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. L. O. Mayer and others of your staff 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.

No items of noncompliance with NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection. However, an unresolved item was identified during the inspection as needing further action. This item is described and further referenced in Paragraph B under Other Significant Items in the Summary of Findings section of the enclosed inspection report. It is our understanding that additional information to resolve these matters will be forthcoming when the Radiological Environmental Monitoring Report for 1976 is issued by April 1, 1977. We will examine this information during a subsequent inspection.

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 and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, except as follows. If this report contains information that you or your contractors

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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,

James M. Allan, Chief
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Materials Safety Branch

Enclosure: IE Inspection
Report No. 050-263/77-02

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