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Northern States Power
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Docket No. 50-263

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated April 27, 1976, clarifying your position regarding submission of meteorological data to the NRC and discussing other matters pertaining to our Inspection Report No. 050-263/76-05. We are aware at present the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant is not required to submit meteorological data. Our intent was to advise you of our expectation that new technical specifications, which will be issued in the near future to implement Appendix I to 10 CFR Part 50, will include such requirements for future operation of your plant.

As you know, interim technical specifications on radioactive effluents and on a revised radiation environmental monitoring program have recently been issued to you. We understand that these will be further revised to assure compliance with Appendix I and be included as the new Technical Specifications in Appendix B. Appendix B Specifications should also clarify the reporting requirements pertaining to the question of supplemental reporting if anomalous radioactivity levels in environmental media are observed. During the interim period until Appendix B Technical Specifications are issued, we acknowledge your position that samples should be averaged over a calendar quarter and if the average concentrations of I-131 in milk are greater than 2.4 pCi/l, then supplemental information would be required. We will inspect against your commitment during subsequent inspections.

Concerning your comment on our Inspection Report, page 6, paragraph 3.a, a licensee representative, during the course of our inspection on March 15, 1976, advised our inspectors that EGAD does in fact maintain cognizance of aquatic biota against



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pre-established protection conditions and reports to NSS when the conditions are exceeded. We are well aware that these conditions do not derive from Appendix B Technical Specifications, which have yet to be issued. Nevertheless, we were informed on the referenced date that the existing program is handled on the working level as if these conditions were so derived; i. e., management of the program parallels management of the technical specifications conducted at Prairie Island. Please advise us if this information we received was not accurate.

We further acknowledge your comment on page 7, paragraph c of our Inspection Report pertaining to a computerized system for reporting results of program audits to your corporate management for their review.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning the items discussed above and addressed in your letter of April 27, 1976. We appreciate your cooperation with us.

Sincerely yours,

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