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Northern States Power Company
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Docket No. 50-263

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. C. Brown and H. Kister of this office on February 10-13, 1976, and by Messrs. C. Brown and N. Choules on February 17-20, 1976, of activities at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-22 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. Larson and other members of the plant 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.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements, as described under Enforcement Items in the Summary of Findings section of the enclosed inspection report.

This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office within twenty days of your receipt of this notice a written statement or explanation in reply, including for each item of noncompliance: (1) corrective action taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective action to be taken to avoid further noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

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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 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 yours,

Gaston Fiorelli, Chief
Reactor Operations and
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Enclosure:
IE Inspection Report
No. 050-263/76-03

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