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Docket No. 50-263/77-18

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

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. N. C. Choules of this office on September 26-30, 1977, of activities at Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, authorized by NRC Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. Clarity 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.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Appendix A.

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 non-compliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

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

Sincerely,

Gaston Fiorelli, Chief
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Nuclear Support Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. IE Inspection Report No. 50-263/77-18

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