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Mr. James Howard  
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Dear Mr. Howard:

On January 11-13, 1994, NRC senior managers met to evaluate the nuclear safety performance of operating reactors, fuel facilities, and other materials licensees. The NRC conducts this meeting semiannually to determine if the safety performance of the various licensees exhibits sufficient weaknesses to warrant increased NRC attention. In addition, at this meeting, senior managers identify specific plants that have demonstrated a level of safety performance that deserves formal NRC recognition. At the January 1994 Senior Management Meeting, the Monticello Nuclear Generating Station was identified as having achieved a high level of safety performance, and as a result, met criteria for recognition of its performance.

In identifying such plants, NRC senior managers perform an evaluation of performance in many areas including operational safety, self-assessment, problem resolution, and plant management organization and oversight.

The NRC recognizes that to achieve the level of performance demonstrated by the Monticello Nuclear Generating Station, there must be management involvement in all phases of plant activities, the staff must be dedicated and knowledgeable and fully supportive of plant activities, and a commitment to safety must exist throughout the organization. We commend you and your staff for achieving this high level of safety performance. Your achievement is a positive example to the industry.

The greatest challenge that you now face is to maintain this level of performance and not to rest on past achievements. Continued management involvement and support, and dedicated efforts from your staff to identify and

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promptly correct problems are necessary for you to continue to meet this difficult challenge.

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