

December 29, 1982

Docket No. 50-263
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Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson
Director of Nuclear
Generation
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Minneapolis, MN 55401

Gentlemen:

This refers to the NRC's Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) of the Monticello and Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plants and our meeting of November 10, 1982, to review the results of that assessment covering the period July 1, 1981, through June 30, 1982. A copy of the SALP 3 Report was provided for your review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed is the final SALP 3 Report that incorporates the SALP Board Chairman's letter to you and your letter of November 16, 1982.

In addition to the assessments and recommendations made by the SALP Board in the enclosed SALP Report, it is my view that Northern States Power Company's overall regulatory performance at the Monticello and Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant continued to be one of the best in Region III. I concur with the SALP Board's assessment that your performance is characterized by a normally aggressive, conservative, and thorough approach to identified problems and tasks. Also, I am pleased with your expressed intent not to become complacent in those areas currently rated as Category 1, and your plans to devote extra efforts to improve your performance in areas not currently rated as Category 1.

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 SALP Report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning these matters, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
James G. Keppler

James G. Keppler
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: SALP 3 Report
Nos. 50-263/82-18;
50-282/82-23; 50-306/82-23

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